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## Labour's City revolution

#### Chancellor announces tough new system of supervision

Anthony Bevins, Diane Coyle and Tom Stevenson

Gordon Brown yesterday announced plans to create the most effective system of City su-pervision in the world, as a means of protecting small savers, pensioners and investors and enhancing the international reputation of London's financial

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement stunned the Commons, hut it was promptly welcomed by the Consumers' Association and MPs who had been concerned by a growing list of embarrassing financial scandals.

The move, which follows hard on the heels of the Chancellor's decision to hand the Bank of England the freedom to set interest rates, is widely seen as retribution for the financial service industry's tardiness in clearing up the pensions' mis-selling scandal.
A series of scandals in recent

years that have badly dented the City's reputation as a global financial centre, have included the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International; the Guinness scandal, the near collapse of the Lloyd's insurance market and the fall of Barings Bank at the hands of rogue trader Nick

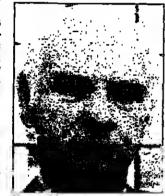
Ministers played down the link to scandals, however, stressing that the new framework would be more efficient and less expensive. Mr Brown said he wanted "to reduce the chance of events such as the mis-selling of personal pensions happening again.

Howard Davies, currently a deputy governor of the Bank of England, is to become the head of a newly beefed-up Securities and Investments Board (SIB), which will firstly take over the Bank of England's regulatory supervision of the hanks.

3 will act as watchdog with statu-

and scrutiny - will eventually take over the regulatory powers of no less than seven different bodies, following consultation and new legislation, expected

some time next year. Mr Brown told the Com-tons: "The distinctions hetween different types of financial institution - hanks, securities firms and insurance companies - are becoming increasingly hlurred. Many of today's financial institutions are regulated by a plethora of different supervisors. This increases the cost and reduces the



beefed- up SIB

effectiveness of supervision." As an example of the crossed lines of control, banks are currently supervised by the Bank, stockbrokers by the Securities and Futures Authority, asset managers by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, retail financial services advisers, who sell personal pensions, by the Personal Investment Authority, and unit

trusts by the current SIB. Self-regulatory organisations, like Lloyd's insurance market, and recognised professional bodies, like accountants, are also to be brought within the remit of Mr Davies's new organisation, which should be up The enhanced SIB - which and running - with full powers, and a new name - by 1999.

tory powers of enforcement After telling the House of his decision to give the Bank of England independent control over interest rates, and the new City control structure, Mr Brown confirmed yesterday's Independent report that he had asked the National Audit Office to check Treasury assumptions on growth, unemployment, and interest rates, as well as pro-

jections on privatisatinn pro-ceeds and "spend-to-save" measures like the receipts that would come from social security fraud exercises. Later, after opening the final day's debate on the Queen's Speech, the Chancellor capped an action-packed day with a Confederation of British Industry dinner at which he said that he would be setting up a new enterprise and growth unit in the Treasury, as part of his aim to provide business with

long-term economic stability. The announcement was greeted with a mixture of relief and caution in the City. "The current method of reporting is cumbersome and anything to simplify that will be very welcome. Its much too early to tell if it will make a difference," one hanker said.

The new Securities and Investments Board will take in the previously self-regulating organisations set up by the Financial Services Act of 1986 as well as the responsibility for banking supervision, which was previously the role of the Bank of England. The changes bring the previously idiosyncratic British system more in line with the statutory American and German models.

The current system had become widely discredited and had even been criticised by SlB's present chairman, Sir Andrew Large who said this week that the present two-tier system "lacked efficiency and credibility". Hamish McRae, page 21

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#### The model of a public servant

Howard Davies is the very model of a modern public servant, a man who has depressed his friends for years by compulsively over-achieving. He is sporty, classless and informal and, for an Englishman, ruth-

lessly disciplined.
He is a graduate of many of the institutions of modern Britain. After Oxford, he went to the Foreign Office and Trea-sury, where he was a special adviser to Nigel Lawson. He joined the management consultants McKinsey & Co, whose inflnence made them a key part of the new establishment during the Tory years.

Mr Davies first became a public name when he ran the Audit Commission, dealing adroitly with extremely difficult financial crises - notably the Hammersmith Council speculation scandal. He became director general of the CBL then deputy governor of the Bank of England, At times it has seemed that wherever public, official Britain touches the world of commerce at a high level, Howard Davies is near at hand.

Despite his closeness to Thatcherite politicians in the Eighties, Davies is not ideological. He once pondered a political career from himself, but was easily dissuaded by his wife. He will fit neatly into Tony Blair's new establishment: like the Prime Minister, Davies is an enthusiastic father to sports-mad boys and is married to a career woman.

Above all though, he is encrgetic, driven, hard to deflect, in work or play. He and his wife give parties which are famous for their complicated parlour games, and he is a good cricketer. As the ultimate umpire for the City, where rules have been hlurred and conduct has been dubious, he is likely to introduce a rigorous regime that some will find uncomfortable.

## Bart's hospital to be saved

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

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Britain's oldest hospital, St Bartholomew's, will be saved, Labour MPs said last night after receiving assurances from sehior Cabinet sources that a review would rescue the hospital from closure.

Senior Labour backbenchers said that they had been telephoned by the Cabinet sources to assure them that St Bart's, the the City of London hospital, will

Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health, has ordered amoratorium on the Tories' closure plan for London hospitals

carried out by Alan Milburn, the Minister of State for Health.

deny that any decisions have been taken, hut Whitehallsources confirmed that the review was expected to give priority to the study of the future of St Bart's. It is likely to focus on ways of ensuring that the world-famous hospital remains on the site.

The big issue that remains to be resolved is whether the hospital's accident and emergency unit can be reopened. The department was closed more than two years ago, and featured largely in the high-profile campaign to save Bart's which in-cluded stage and screen stars.

pending n review which is to be. Whitehall sources said it was unlikely that the unit could be reopened. One option could be Ministers are expected to to raise private finance for an accident and emergency de-partment, as part of the private

> The MPs have been told that saving Bart's is seen by ministers as a powerful symbol to demonstrate the Government's commitment to the National Health Service.

There has been a St Bartholomew's hospital on the same site in Smithfield for almost 870 years. It was founded in 1125 to care for the sick and poor of the City of London hut was adopted by the rich money makers in the City as their local hospital.

Saving it could also save money on the capital programme. The previous government planned to close the

hospital by 2001 but the Royal Hospitals NHS Trust, which includes Bart's, announced a £300m scheme to build a new I,100-bed hospital in Whitechapel, east London, to replace Bart's and three other

hospitals.
The hospital won support last night from an unusual quarter. John Redwood, who had challenged John Major for the Conservative Party leadership, said: "Labour should review their closure programme. They are threatening to close far too many hospitals." He said

the party's commitments on the health scrvice.

There were also clear signals yesterday by Mr Dobson that he was going "softly softly" on Labour's commitment to replace GP fundholders with locality commissioning in which GPs have to co-operate with other family doctors.

Mr Dobson announced that he was deferring all further en-trants to the eighth wave of GP fundholders, hut he said plans for creating local commissioning groups of fundholders would be tested in a series of pilots before being extended.

The Queen's Speech omitted a Bill to force fundholders to join commissioning groups, and while it is being held in reclosure would hreak faith with



serve, Mr Dobson has privately told GPs' leaders he wants to "go with the grain" of the

Mr Milburn had met with the National Association of Fundholding Practices, of whom Mr Dobson said: "They appear to be satisfied with what we are

## Russia and Nato to share missile defences

#### Exclusive

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

Nato and Russia are to cooperate over ballistic missile defence - shooting down missiles aimed at any European target between the Atlantic and the Urals.

The commitment is part of the historic agreement between the Nato Alliance and Russia. The Independent obtained a leaked copy of the final draft of the "Founding Act" last night. It shows that both sides gave way on key issues to forge agreement.

The text, agreed last week between the Nato Secretary-General, Javier Solana, and the Russian Foreign Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, is being considered by President Boris Yeltsin before final signature next week. The 16-page Founding Act is to pave the way for Nato to issue invitations to east European states to join the Alliance at the Madrid summit in July - probably Poland, Hungary and the Czech

Among "areas for consultation and cooperation", the Act lists "possible cooperation in Theatre Missile Defence" - which Russia has requested

Republic, in the first instance.

since President Reagan's "Star Wars" initiative in the 1980s. Both Russia and the West fear that states in the Middle East have the ability to hit states in Europe with missiles.

Nato gave ground on several key issues, saying that it has "no intention, no plan and no reason to deploy nuclear weapons on the territory of new members", and does not "foresee any need to do so". Nato also gave way to Russian demands that it re-write its "strategic concept" - which dated back to the era of the Soviet Union. Page two of the Act says Nato will re-

it is fully consistent with Europe's new security situation and challenges" - in effect, admitting that the principal "en-

emy" may not be Russia.
The text also pledges Nato support for peace-keeping operations carried out not only under the authority of the United Nations, hnt also the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Lastly, the Act commits both parties to lowering armaments levels below those agreed in the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty.

The Russians have given way to Nato on two counts. The Act confirms Nato examine the concept "to ensure that and Russia have no "right of veto over

the actions of the other, nor do they infringe upon or restrict the rights of Nato or Russia to independent decision making and action". Although not in the document itself, it is also understood it will be "politically" bind-ing - not "legally" hinding, as the



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Runway battle begins Welcome to polluters Help for failing schools David Blunkett has pledged to schools identified as failing by government inspectors. But the headmaster of one of the schools says he should have

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## Mexican druglord Amado Carillo makes twice as much money as BT. And offers infinitely more lines. Also this week, Punch sorts out Poul Weller, on ex-Mrs Proscott talk about their little cherup of a son, John.

Photograph: Tom Pilston

#### significant shorts

#### **Nurses 'forced to confess** to murdering colleague'

Two British nurses charged with the murder of an Australian colleague in Saudi Arabia insisted yesterday that they were forced into confessing, a legal source said. Lucille McLauchlan, 31, from Dundee, and 41-year-old Deborah Parry, from Alton in Hampshire, who deny murdering Yvonne Gilford, 55, in December, were calm as they appeared before three judges at a two-hour hearing in the city of Khobar. The source said they

claimed they were forced to admit the killing after their arrest.

The women arrived in court with their feet in shackles for the second day of the hearing, dressed in traditional black Muslim robes. Although the confessions have been filed with the three judges, their lawyers said the women had withdrawn them, and one of them had retracted a statement that she had a lesbian relationship with the victim. Salah al-Hejailan, who is representing the women, said the written confessions were made without legal counsel or access to British diplomats.

If found guilty of murder, under Saudi law, the women's fate will lie with their victim's family and they could be executed. The Foreign Office said the case had been adjourned until 25 May.

#### Inspectors shut down dirty abattoirs

The Government ordered its inspectors yesterday to shut down dirty slaughterhouses as part of a drive against sub-standard food hygiene. Jeff Rooker, minister for food safety, said lax standards were "still too common" in ahattoirs and regulations had to be enforced more vigorously. The move follows criticism over poor hygiene in abattoirs linked to the spread of the *E.coli* virus and the mishandling of body parts potentially contaminated with BSE.

Addressing a forum organised by the Meat Hygiene Service, which co-ordinates the work of inspectors, and attended by members of the meat slaughter and processing industry, Mr Rooker said consumer interests must come first. "Every piece of meat that we eat must be produced to the highest of standards. Abattoirs are a part of the food industry and must protect their customers in the same way as any other food company. The public has every right to expect top standards," he said. Matthew Brace

#### Dolly's coat comes off for charity



Dolly the cloned sheep didn't delight, hut yesterday seemed happy enough to give the coat off her back to a medical charity. The wool from the 10month-old animal, the first mammal produced from a single adult cell, was donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Fund to he used to raise money to research the genetic disease. The intention is for the fleece to be woven into yarn and the yarn used to produce a

designer sweater or two," said

Harry Griffin, assistant director of the Roslin Institute, near Edinburgh where Dolly was born. The products will be auctioned in the autumn. Professor Graeme Bulfield, director of the institute, said cystic fibrosis could be one of the illnesses which the science that created Dolly may cure.

Charles Arthur

#### Servicemen held in Singapore

Two British servicemen who face at least 12 strokes of the cane and three years in a Singapore jail for stealing Singapore \$43 (£18) were remanded in custody for two months yesterday. Richard George Britten, 22, a Royal Marine from Plymouth, and John Thomson King, 20, a Royal Engineer from Aberdeenshire, are charged with robbing a taxi driver in the early hours of 3 May.

Bail was set bail at S\$10,000 each. If they can raise the money they could be released later this week. The men were in Singapore serving with the British naval support ship Sir Galahad which was taking part in exercises when the alleged robbery took place.

#### Peers' fear over computer game

The junior Home Office minister. Lord Williams of Mostvii vesterday made clear his distaste for a "vicious" new computer game, but declined to intervene to ensure it is hanned by the censors. He told the Lords at question time that the game, Grand Theft Auto, was expected to be submitted for approval by the British Board of Film Classification soon. The Tory former Cahinet minister Lord Campbell of Croy, who raised the issue, said the game was reported to include car theft, joyriding, hit-and-run accidents and police chases. "There would be nothing to stop children from buying it." he protested.

#### Bell makes his maiden speech

Martin Bell, the new independent MP for Tatton who beat Nell Hamilton in the general election, made his maiden speech in Parliament last night. In it he made a plea for an end to the use of land mines. "I am perhaps the least intentional MP but not the least determined," he said,

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Roseanne Arnuld: 'She cut through the remaining treacle about family and parents'

## Farewell to the family that captivated all America

the last-ever new episode of the nine-year-old comedy sitcom, Roseanne, America's televisioniand became a quieter place. Probably, also, it got a bit more plastic and boring.
It is farewell then to the Corner family and its loud-

mouthed, not altogether slimline, matriarch, Roseanne. Roseanne, of course, was played by Roseanne Arnold, whose own personal life has been fodder for the front pages of the supermarket tabloids for as long. as her show has existed.

There was her mantage to Tom Arnold who was subsequently thrust upon us as e star in his own right and then, surprise, her break-up with Tom Amold as well as some dark stuff about repressed memories of abuse In her childhood. The television husband was played

by the gigantic (and giganticly good) John Goodman.
It was the show itself that riveted so many millions of Americans. The blue-collar Conners were catachysmically dysfunctional – every possible problem of child-rearing, sex or puberty hit the household some time. The more awful the crisis, the more the Conners seemed to represent everyman America.

In its early years, the frankness of Roseanne had laws dropping countrywide. President Bush berated Roseanna after she rubbished the national anthem. Homosexuality, masturbation, battered women, ebortion all were treated head-on with complete lack of fear or reverence. The acid of Roseanne's tongue was never diluted, not even in dealings with her children.

It cut through any remaining treacle about family and about parents," wrote Ellen Goodman, a columnist with the Boston Globe. Sha added; "She was a bit, fat woman, don't forgat that. How many images do you ever see of a fat woman? And I think we're sort of in a fat-free zone now."

It is a pity that the last saason, the finale included, has been so poorly received. The Conners had been lifted from their working-class milieu by a lottery win and granted a lifestyle that viewers did not warm to.

Roseanne re-runs will doubtless appear for years and Ms Arnold herself is not about to vanish. Currently starring as the Wicked Witch in the Wizard of Oz in

New York (a show that has attracted some of the worst and funniest reviews in history), she will begin her own talk show in the autumn.

David Usborne

#### Head hunter from the outback poses test for Straw

No amount of briefings by the Sir Humphreys of Whitehall could have prepared Jack Straw for this one - a spear fight with an Aboriginal leader over the pickled, buried head of an ancestor.

Thankfully for the new Home Secretary, Ken Colhung (right) is not going to insist on the traditional Aboriginal trial by combat. He hopes the Government will allow the head, currently buried in a Liverpool cemetery, to be returned home after 164 years.

The head used to belong to Yegan, the leader of a people who made a desperate stand against white settlers in the early 19th century Western Australia.

Yegan was shot by e farm-hand, William Keats, and his severed head brought back to England by Lt Robert Gale. The head ended up in Liverpool's City Museum but it was buried in the 1960s.

According to Aboriginal beliefs, Yagan's spirit cannot find peace until his head is re-united with his body. But the Home Office has refused exhumation because relatives of 20 stillborn children buried



in the grave have refused consent. Mr Colbung, MBE and a JP, arrived in Britain yesterday determined not to go hack emptyhanded. He said: "I want that head to be with me when I leave the

shoras of England next week. I want en appointment with Jack Straw, it is in his court. In my tradition if we were to deal with this, Mr Jeck Straw and myself would be engaged in a spear fight to resolve this. I hope that in this day and age we won't have to resort to that."

Mr Colbung, 66, will make an appeal in Liverpool today to tha relatives of the children.

#### Writer's tragedy is television Gift

Lucy Gannon, creator of the television hits Soldier, Soldier and Peak rractice, has drawn on me staumatic experience of her mother's death for a new BBC drama.

The Gift, a £1m-film, recounts the experiances of a young mother, ravaged hy cancer, who faces the prospect of leaving hehind a seven-year-old child.

Ms Gannon, 48, was herself only six when brain cancer claimed her mother and left her father, a soldier, to bring up three children.

The writer, a housewife in Derbyshire before she took to scripting nina years ego, said: "The project is very Important to me. "When my mother died I was

much the same age as the little girl In The Gift. The girl in tha film has good mamories of her mother, memories that I did not have even though I grew up knowing I was loved, which is the greatest gift a mother can give her child."
The Gift will star Amanda Bur-

ton, who teamed up with Ms Gannon on the set of Peak Practice. Nell Dudgeon, Trevor Peacock and Crispin Bonhem-Carter, who appeared in Pride and Prejudice, will also star in the film.

### briefing

#### Passive smoking 'doubles risk of a heart attack'

A ground-hreaking study by researchers at Harvard University has found that regular exposure to secondhand tohacco smoke will

almost double a person's risk of having a heart attack.

The study, which tracked the lives of 32,000 non-smoking women over 10 years, appears to go much further than any previously

over 10 years, appears to go much further than any previously published in establishing a dramatic causal link between coronary ailments and passive smoking.

In the same week that the Government pledged to ban tobacca advertising and sports sponsorship, the report is almost certain further to harden attitudes of industrialised governments towards

It could also radically improve the chances of legal challenges pending in the United States to the cigarette manufacturers, when exposure to secondhand smoke is a central issue. For the cigarette giants, which include British American Tobacco, the findings could not have come at a worse moment.

Published in the US medical journal, Circulation, the report sa

that women who were regularly exposed to secondhand smoke all home or at work were 91 per cent more likely to have a heart attack than those who were not. Women who were only occasionally exposed to secondhand smoke faced a 58 percent great risk of an attack.

David Usborne, New:

#### ENVIRONMENT

#### One in 10 beaches break EU rules

One in 10 British beaches breaks EU rules an sewage polintion, according to the annual Brussels report on bathing water. Beaches at Blackpool,

Mnrecambe, Southend and Scarborough are among the 50 which fail to meet minimum EU standards.

And fewer than half Britain's 472 beaches meet the guidelines needed to qualify for the EU's Blue Flag sign of quality.
Britain comes seventh in

the teague for compliance with the mandatory standards. Only Belgium has fewer beaches meeting

the higher Blue Flag criteria.

Britain's beaches got no better in 1996, according to the Quality of Bathing Water Report. From 1992 to 1995 the proportion meeting the mandatory standards rose from 77.1 per cent to 89 per cent, but last year it was only 89.4 per cent.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### Councillors' pay rises by third

Councillors' pay has risen by 34 per cent during the past year, according to a survey which also showed councils in England and Wales are giving £53m a year to their elected members.

Two years ago the Conservative government lifted caps on what councils can pay their members and according to these figures collected by Local Government Chronicle - most have taken advantage of their new-found freedom. Birmingham spends the most on rewarding its members. Its 117

members get £769,000 in allowances. The highest paid individual councillor is the Labour leader of Leicester, Peter Soulsby, who

On average each councillor received £2,413 in the year ending in April. The most frugal council was Berwick upon Tweed district, which paid its members an average of £774 each.

David Walker

#### Your call is being held in a queue...

We've all beard and cursed those weasei words, "Your call is being," surprise to hear that at least one major company thinks it answers its phones too quickly.

The insurance company Standard Life has found that answering too rapidly left some customers startled.

Speaking at a conference in London, Graeme Williamson, Standard Life's customer service assistant general manager, said: "Previously, we simed to answer all calls within five seconds. But customers started to tell us this was too quick as it startled them and they were unprepared. So now we allow the call to ring for eight seconds." But he did acknowledge that if it was left too long - perhaps 30

or 40 seconds - custnmers tended to give up. Other firms took a more expected line. A spokeswoman for British Telecom, said its pulicy was to answer phones "as soon as possible if not befare". The AA held the same view. Martin Farrer





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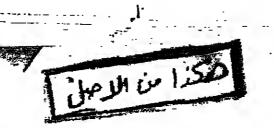
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## Runway protesters ousted by 'medieval brutality'

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The battle for Bollin Valley, scene of Manchester Airport's second runway, began yesterday amid claims of "medieval hrutality" used by officials to shift

Around 60 sheriffs and bailiffs backed by more than 100 police officers, some on fourwheel buggies on the muddy terrain, began their operation just before 4am to clear the demon-strators from a series of tree houses and tunnels on the heavily wooded site. By late afternoon. 14 people had been arrested and up to 30 more people had left voluntarily, leaving

as many as 100 still to move. One journalist making a documentary with the protesters claimed he was beaten on the head by bailiffs, and a demon-



A protestor being led away by police at Bollin Valley

strator claimed CS gas and ba-tons were used to dislodge them. One of their spokesmen, Jeff Gazzard, said: "The language of the sheriff and of his bailiffs is one of medieval brutality. And that is the way they

At an acrimonious press coniff Randal Hibbert, in charge of the clearing, denied any brutality, and pointed to the "low" number of arrests, mostly among those who had used-"lock-on", people who had chained themselves to trees or concrete. He said: "It was a very

satisfactory day's events." He denied his men had been involved in attacks, including one on the journalist. However, television producer John Fraser Williams, who is making a documentary for SC4 in Wales, claimed he had been restrained with plastic handcuffs, laid face down in the mud and beaten on who had apparent cuts around the ear said: "If that's what they do to journalists, then God help the protesters."

He said he had full confidence that Greater Manchester police, who, he said, would not behave with such "thuggishness," would investigate his allegations.

Last night, a police spokes-woman confirmed they had re-ceived two complaints about official behaviour, including one by a journalist, and these were being referred to the Police Complaints Authority.

After weeks of standoff during which veteran protesters had built a series of tree houses and up to 15 tunnels, including one called Cakehole, some 70 fect in length, the pre-dawn action to remove them still took some by surprise. Teams of sheriff officials, with specialist tree-climbing units wearing white suits. and tunnelling experts in black suits and masks, moved into the first part of the site to jeers, cat calls and blowing of whistles. One woman protester hurt her leg after apparently falling from a tree and one other said officials had used CS gas. Another called Phil said: "I was hit over the head with truncheons."

By mid-afternoon one of the biggest tree bouses called Zion had been cleared after a battle between officials and protesters over a flag which flew from the top of their giant beach tree. In the Jimi Hendrix tree, eight more protesters clung on as the officials suspended their operations for the day to concentrate on clearing tunnels.

Yesterday's dramatic events are likely to be just the first stage of a clearance operation which could last for at least a month. Officials expect that by the end of the week they will have cleared the Greater Manchester part of the massive site, but will then face the much tougher task of removing people from tree houses and tunnels including the Cakehole under the Cheshire side, where more and more protesters were ex-

pected to arrive overnight. The Under-Sheriff himself admitted the whole operation could take "weeks" before contractors can start work on concreting the £170m runway.

For many of those involved on both sides, this will not be their first meeting, after similar clashes at Newbury and Fairmile in Devon. One demonstrator said: "There is mutual respect between its. We're on first name terms with some of them."



As Chelsea says it with flowers, Interflora's cosy world is shaken by...

## A root and branch rebellion

Chris Godsmark

**Business Correspondent** 

Away from the glamour of Chelsea, the nearest most people get to floral gifts is through the cosy world of Interflora, Britain's higgest flower delivery organisation. Yet behind the reassuringly genteel image Interflora has, over the past four weeks been ripped apart by a bitter row over plans to modernise an association with roots stretching back 74 years.

Interflora's former directors, who were ousted at a dramatic mass meeting less than a formight ago, could decide today to launch a legal action against their successors. Without a compromise, the dispute is likely to end up in court.

Not all the 2,600 independently run florists which form Interflora's membership are taking sides. "Interflora used to be such a harmonious organisation. Now it's in a terrible mess," aments Richard Felton from behind the counter of one of two florists branches in Londoo's Docklands.

Mr Felton, joint managing director of Felton Wills and Segar, is sitting on the fence, or more appropriately the hedge, but regrets the growing mood of animosity. "I've often wondered what our grandfathers would say about all this. It's a great shame?"

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And Mr Felton has more to regret than most. His grandfather and his partner's grandfather were founder members of the first Interflora coun-



Neutral: London florist Richard Felton, who is sitting on the fence in the Photograph: Nicola Kurtz dispute but regrets the growing animosity

genious idea was to combine the expanding telephone system with a fastimproving transport network to build a nationwide flower delivery chain.

Today Interflora works on the same principle. Members run their own shops but pay a fee to fund a mutually owned company, based in Sleaford, the heart of Lincolnshire flower-growing country, which manages the central ordering process. A customer can

cil, convened in the old Covent Gar-den flower market. The pioneers' in-der flowers for delivery to Penrith. But like other mutual organisations such as the huilding societies, as commercial pressures mounted In-

terflora realised it had to change.

Two years ago a new board, including

nine elected member directors led by

chairman David Parry, began drawing up proposals to streamline the business. Their solution was to raise the annual subscription fee from £300 to around £1,800, while cutting the trans-

centive to use the network, but the

change angered smaller florists.

"The vast majority of people were in favour of this, but some smaller members will initially be slightly worse off. I've admitted that," said Mr Parry from exile in his florists in Fleet, in Hampshire. "But we are giving them the tools to fight back. Otherwise they'd be squeezed out like the local hutcher or greengrocer.

In addition, the board investigated turning Interflora into a conventional company, ditching its mutual status. in which member florists would own shares. The move could lead to a stockmarket flotation. Opponents were doubly concerned at rumours the old board was considering selling or merging the business, a charge Mr Parry vehemently denies. "That's not the case

at all. I know nothing about that."
The business plan proved to be the spark which ignited years of simmering discontent. Events culminated in the mass meeting at Warwick, where rebel florists voted to fire the entire board, including Mr Parry and Dou-glas McGrath, the full-time chief executive. A new six-member board was immediately elected in their place. which lost no time in shutting a lossmaking flower wholesaling husiness. But the series of votes were only past

by the slimmest of majorities. Using his powers as outgoing chairman, Mr

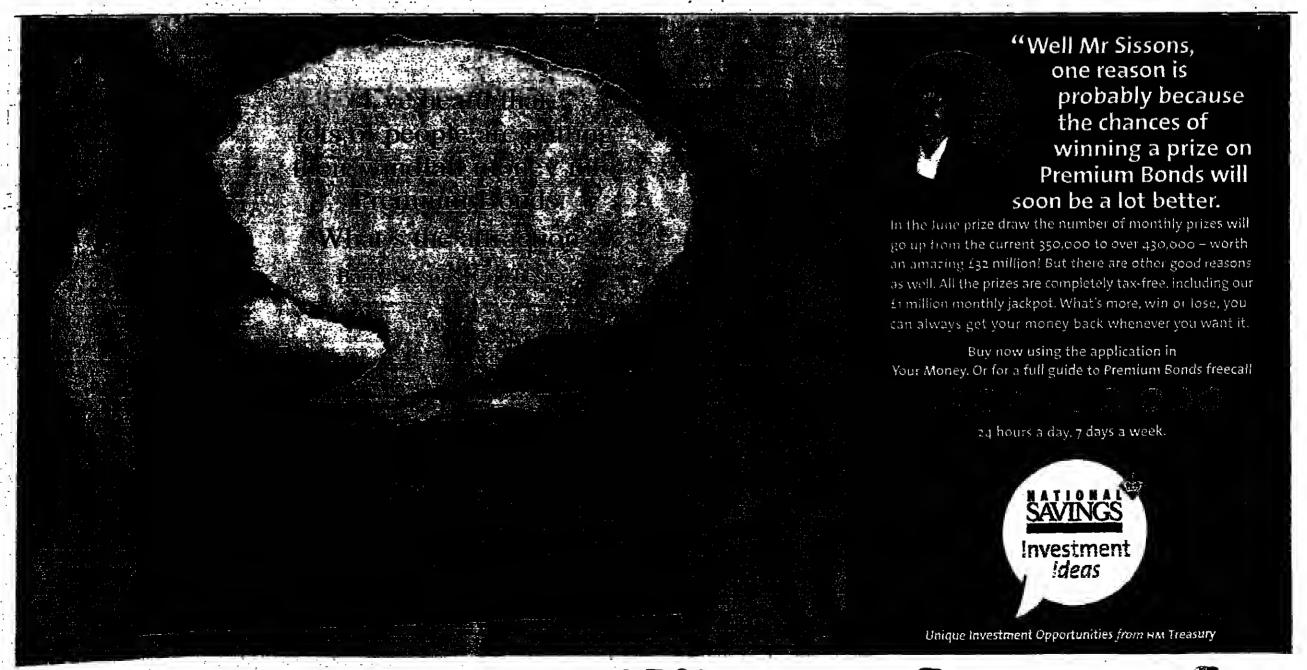
action charge Interflora levies on each order from £2.99 to 60p. The aim was to give individual shops greater inflorists sympathetic to the Parry and McGrath camp delivered a petition to Interflora calling for a ballot on their reinstatement. "This new board was elected to be democratic. If they don't

call a ballot they won't be delivering on that platform," Mr Parry said. Last night the new board, led by Bristol florist David Hughes, was in meetings mulling over advice from a barrister on their decision to refuse a postal ballot. They will tell members the outcome this morning, though if they refuse to back down, Mr Parry warned be could take the issue to court "I'm saddened by the whole thing. We were elected to take Interflora in the 21st century. Everything we've done is what the members wanted."

The hizarre twists have hewildered members like Mr Felton, who both supported the business plan and sympathised with the rehels.

"There's a genuine fear of autocratic rule from the central organisation. These people are not rebels. They're just nice hard-working people who are worried about the possible autocracy of the board,"

Mr Felton doubts the chances of an amicable solution. "It would be nice to think hands could be shaken and the two boards could work together to get the best of both worlds. Flowers always carry a message of goodwill, but in this case that might be a pipe dream."



## Failing schools to be helped, not hit

Education Editor

Help squads, not hit squads, will he sent into 18 of the country's worst schools named yesterday as part of the Govern-ment's offensive against poor

David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, wants to contrast the Conservatives' failure to deal with bad schools with

them. All the schools were identified as "failing" at least a Ten of the schools are in inyear ago but had not responded quickly enough to improvement plans, ministers said.

Teaching unions attacked the decision to "name and shame" schools where the morale of teachers and pupils is already

But Mr Blunkett told BBC Radio 4: "Education is not a secret garden. It is not a little ner or outer London, one is a special school and four have opted out of local authority

control Dulwich High, formerly William Penn, in Southwark, the local school where Harrier Harman, Secretary of State for Social Security, refused to send her son, is also there.

ment's legislation, ministers

of experts into schools to replace the management and decide whether they should he closed.

Instead, Mr Blunkett intends to send in headteacher consultants with experience of turning round schools for between five and ten days. The new "Smart" (Special Measures Action n, is also there. Teams) will work alongside ex-Under the previous governisting beads and local

authorities. Stephen Byers, the

"Our policy is help squads not hit squads. The approach is different from that of the previous government. We will take strong measures hut we will provide considerable support and follow

If schools have not shown clear signs of improvement by September, the Government will press local authorities to close them and reopen them with new head teachers.

lawyers about whether they will need new powers to force local authorities to give schools a fresh start.

Mr Byers said: "Nothing will be hidden. Parents have a right to know if schools are underachieving. I think when they have had time to reflect on the offer of belp, not denigration, these schools will welcome what

we have to offer." He said the schools were

in the country. Inspectors' reports were used to decide which schools were failing to show sufficient improvement.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Union of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said: "We had enough of public humiliation from the previous Conservative government. The new Labour government will soon discover that these problems cannot be resolve

David Whithread, head of education at the Local Government Association, said some authorities had been prevented by heads and governors from intervening in failing schools. We want power to intervene when we see the warning signs rather than waiting for schools to fail and crucify the children in them while we turn them

Donald Macintyre, page 2

## Small, rural and miles from the inner city. So what went wrong?

**Lucy Ward Education Correspondent** 

Abbey Farm Middle School, inching towards recovery since inspectors branded it failing two years ago, was just yards from the finishing line when the Government pronounced its progress too slow, its head said yesterday. The 140-pupil school, in the

heart of a deprived council estate in Thetford, Norfolk, is among 18 failing schools singled out by ministers as doing too lit-tle to improve despite months

under emergency measures.
Its inclusion shocked officials at the Norfolk Local Education Authority, and the head teacher, Dominic Cragoe, who was told by government in-

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spectors on their last visit that Abbey Farm could expect to be

off the failing list next term. Where severe criticisms over behaviour and teaching stan-dards two years ago had been entirely justified, yesterday's announcement was "farcical", Mr Cragoe said. "We drew up a detailed action plan, kept to it and reviewed it each year, and we have made good progress. We were given to believe we would soon get the all-clear, so why then publicly denounce

the school? The head insists he has never shrunk from confronting the school's shortcomings. Immediately after arriving in early 1994, he called in the inspection agency, Ofsted, and accepted the expected verdict of failure.

Class war: Dominic Cragoe (left), head teacher of Abbey Farm middle school in Norfolk, felt good progess had been made with his pupils Standards of achievement were tion, only four now remain. helow expected levels in every subject but French, curriculum planning was weak and behav-

"We were like the Ridings was last year," the head said. We had kids running out of lessons or out of school, or making V-signs at staff." A new discipline policy swiftly brought weak staff were given extra training to improve planning

Out of 12 teaching staff in

The rest have been replaced with highly-experienced teachers. A literacy programme de-veloped by the new deputy iour was poor among significant numbers of pupils, inspectors bead has seen pupils make dramatic progress, and the proportion of satisfactory lessons bas risen from 20 per cent to 60

per cent since inspections. The real issue is this school had prohably the weakest Ofsted report in the country and school has to be out of special measures in two years," said Mr Cragoe. There are many in the race to improve who might post at the time of the inspec- meet that target, but we really

had our legs tied together." Staff, he predicts, will feel bat-

tered by the school's latest pub-lic bumiliation and raising morale will be "an enormous task". Pupils, too, must come to terms with a fresh failing label, though parents have remained consistently loyal during the school's troubles.

Having heard of Ahbey Farm's inclusion on Labour's list only at 11.30am yesterday, Mr Cragoe is still not sure what the experts will do, or how they can offer extra support not already provided by the Authority and

Photograph: Simon Hadley

Roll call of shame

Across the country, 44.5 per cent of pupils gained five or more GCSEs at grade A-C. verage aggregate Key Stage 2 score was 170. Earl Marshal School, Sheffield: 8 per cent of

pupils gained five A-C grades

Ashburton High, Croydon: 18 per cent of pupils
gained five A-C grade.

Ingram High, Croydon: 22 per cent of pupils
gained five A-C grades.

Dufwich High for Boys, Southwark: 9 per cent of

pupils gained five A-C grades. Mostyn Gardens Primary, Lambeth: Key Stage 2 South Benwell Primary, Newcastle: Key Stage 2 tests aggregate score: 50. Southfields GM School, Gravesend, Kent: 9 per

cent of puolis gained five A-C grade. St Mary of the Angels, Westminster: Key Stage 2

tests aggregate score: 130, Kelsey Park GM School, Bromley: 27 per cent of pupils gained five A-C grades. Abbey Farm Middle School, Thetford, Norfolk. Our Lady of Fatima GM School; Liverpool: 7 per

cent of pupils gained five A-C grade. Rams Episcopal Primary School, Hackney: Key Stage 2 tests aggregate score: 93 Morningside Primary, Hackney: Key Stage 2 tests aggregate score: 34

Upbury Manor GM School, Gillingham, Kent: 7 per cent of pupils gained five A.C grades. Blakelaw School, Newcastle upon Tyne: 10 per Lea Green Special School, Waltham Forest Handsworth Wood Boys' School, Birmingham: 11-per cent of pupils galled live A-C grades. Littlan Bayliss School, Lambeth: 17 per cent of pupils gained live A-C grades:

## Plutonium dumped off Channel Islands

Investigations by the Jersey authorities have revealed that thousands of drums of nuclear waste dumped in the sea just north of the Channel Islands contained plutonium, contrary to claims made by the United King-

dom Atomic Energy Authority. A report published in Jersey yesterday says there is no immediate health risk to Channel

British government has been asked to undertake regular monitoring of the area. The issue is likely to be raised in discussions with the Home Office

next week. More than 58,000 drums filled with nuclear waste from sites such as Harwell and Aldermaston were dumped 10 miles north of Alderney between 1950 and 1963 in an

area known as the Hurd Deep. The UK authorities had claimed that all the drums imploded as they sank, dispersing their contents, but the Jersey investigations have revealed that more than 2,900 drums were

sealed in concrete and still lie 150 metres beneath the surface. The new evidence was discovered by the island's environmental adviser, Dr Mike Romerill, while searching would no longer be considered

Office at Kew, "Some drums disposed of in 1951 contained plutonium/polonium-contaminated laboratory waste, probably from Aldermaston," said Dr Romer-ill. "While such disposal was permissible at the time, such plutonium-contaminated waste

That the UK authorities gave contradictory information about the waste dumped in the Hurd Deep has been confirmed by Sir John Knill, the former chairman of the Radioactive Waste Management Advisory Committee, who assisted Dr Romerill in his investigation.

through files held at the as "low level" and would be UKAEA headquarters at Harwell and the Public Records of deep under-well and the Public Records ground."

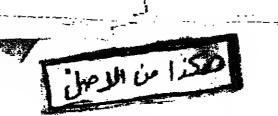
Records Office confirmed the presence of plutonium-contaminated wastes which would not, at the present day, be re-garded as "low level waste," said Sir John, "This is contrary to the explicit oral statement we received at the UKAEA in July 1996 to the effect that "no material disposed of would, under the current regulations, be considered to be intermediate "A visit to the Public level waste."

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## Old rockers never die - they go on to make even more millions

Paul McCann Media Correspondent

As a financial wheeze, David Bowie's launch last night of his own art publishing company is more Tin Machine than Ziggy Stardust when compared with his release of a "Bowie Bond" earlier this year. That innovative plan to cash in on future royalties from his back-catalogue made the Thin White Duke a cool £34m.

On the other hand, 21, his partnership with Sir Timothy Sainsbury, gallery owner Bernard Jacobson and the editor of Modern Painters, Karen Wright, is likely to see more modest returns. Its first book, Blimey! From Bohemia to Britpop: The London Artworld from Francis Bacon to Damien Hirst, will do more for the Bromley boy's art-world credibility than his bank account, but the hype his association brings to the book should help sales and add that little extra to his fortune.

As a devotee of marce Duchamp and collector of modern British art. Bowie's latest venture springs from his own interests, as all the best rock-star brand extensions should.

Peter Gahriel, who in the Seventies was one of the few singers to compete with Bowie for downright weirdness, has translated his interest in world music and the new media to create his own mini-empire in the West Country. His Real World label and studies in Wiltshire helped launch the careers of the Senegalese star Youssou N'Dour and Pakistani singer Nusrat Fatch Ali Khan, while his Womad international music festival has helped convert thousands to his taste in music.

Less obviously lucrative has been Gabriel's interest in virtual reality. Real World's Eve CD-Roon, retailing at £39.99, is a combination of computer game, music video and huild-your own-album that may be a hit thead of its time. Eve can take 60 hours to play and is made up of 22,000 photographs, 80 minutes of video footage and chopped-up Gahriel songs. When the information revolution really arrives, he will be one of its most glamorous anoraks.

More conventional rock enrepreneurs have invested in what they know about too. U2 is doing up hotels, in this case the £5m refurbishment of the Clarence Hotel in Duhlin rather than wrecking them, like ess financially astute bands.
But it takes true rock di-

osaurs to come up with the tackiest of deals, like the Rolling Stones' ultimate over-priced merchandising gimmick: the Rolling Stones limited edition Volkswagen Golf, part of a sponsorship deal that netted the Sanatogen rockers £4m.

The more naive-looking Sir Cliff Richard is arguably even more financially clued up. The bachelor boy personally invested £2m to get the musical Heathcliffe off the ground. This wasn't a way of making sure he got the lead part but a smart business decision.

He market-tested the songs in the musical by Sir Tim Rice and sold 200,000 copies of the soundtrack album before opening the show. This helped sell £8.5m in advance ticket sales and the critically panned show is due to travel the world.

Pete Townshend's experience of musicals has been more mixed. As poetry consultant at

Faber and Faher rather than ural flair for husiness. Having The Who's lead guitarist, he never seen a Dave Clark Five The Who's lead guitarist, he prepared a musical version of

year-old rock opera Tommy closed before the end of its run. "By the time these guys reach 50 one of the reasons they are still there is because they've picked up some husiness acumen," says Mart Snow, editor of music magazine Mojo. They learn by being ripped off by accounts and managers. And by learning about the music industry they learn about other aspects of the media and show-husiness world."

Ted Hughes's story The Iron' Man for the West End which

was later picked up as a film idea by Warner Brothers. However,

1995's stage version of his 29-

Clark has shown the most nat- recording studio.

revival, he made himself a millionaire by huying rights to footage of the Sixties music show Ready Steady Go and investing in musicals like the other Sir Cliff vehicle, Time.

Adam Faith ran Faith, a celebrity management consultancy and became a star writer for the Daily Mail's financial pages. But he invested in fraudster Roger Levitt's company and found himself hankrupt at the beginning of the Nimeties. He has now paid off his debts and claims he is sticking to showbusiness for the foreseeable future. But for some of rock's entrepreneurs time spent in the board room is proving more Mr Snow believes Dave successful than time spent in the Hopes of ceasefire as talks begin

reland correspondent

Government officials are today to meet Sinn Fein representatives for peace talks against the hackground of an undeclared IRA ceasefire which has now been in place for more than three weeks.

The new contact, together with noticeably upbeat remarks made yesterday by Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams, has stirred renewed speculation that a second formal cessation

of IRA violence is possible. Most observers, however, tend to believe this is likely to happen on a timescale of months rather than weeks. There are also fears that the delicate manoeuvring could be hlown off course by street disturbances as the loyalist march-

ing season gets under way. The last major act of IRA violence in Northern Ireland took place on 10 April when a woman police officer, Reserve-Constable Alice Collins, was shot and seriously injured in Londonderry in what was clearly a murder attempt. Since then IRA terrorism has simply ceased, according to security sources.

The rate of republican "punishment beatings" has also dropped sharply. While earlier in the year these were almost a nightly occurrence, the sources say republicans have carried out only three of these in the last three weeks. It is unclear whether these three were the work of the IRA or some other republicao factioo.

In Britain there has been some IRA disruption of road and rail communications since the policewoman's shooting, but this activity ceased some days before the general election on 1 May. These patterns have

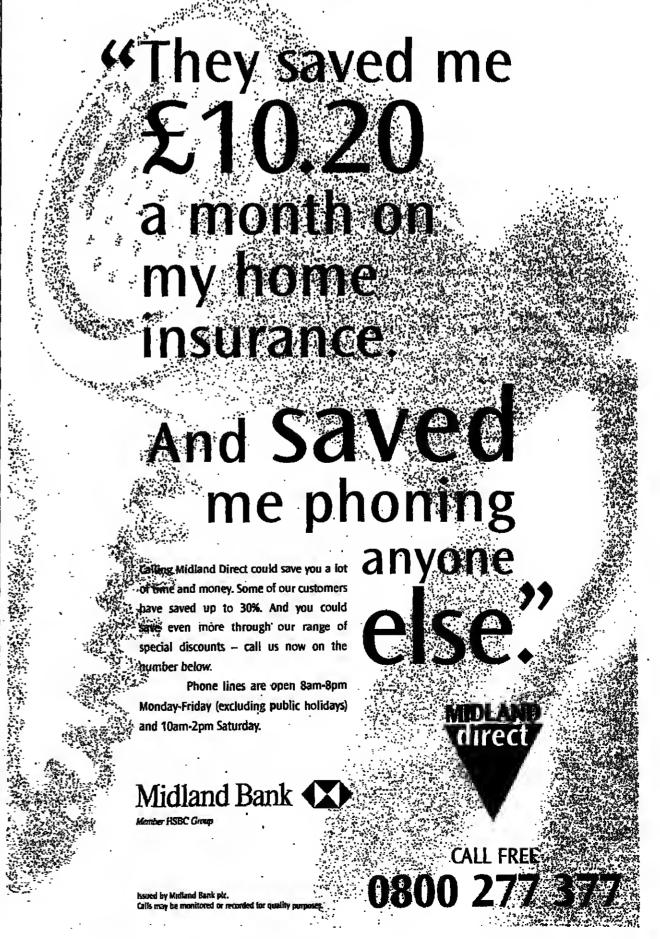
been closely studied by the authorities, and facilitated Tony Blair's offer of talks with re-

In making the offer during his visit to Belfast last week Mr Blair said: "I am prepared to allow officials to meet Sinn Fein provided events on the ground, here and elsewhere, do not make that impossible." This appears to be a clear warning that any reappearance of vio-lence in advance of today's meeting would cause its can-

cellation or postponement.
The IRA has occasionally eased off its violence in the run-up to elections so as not to put off potential Sinn Fein voters. but it is rare for it to call a complete halt. Voting takes place today in Northern Ireland's council elections, and the Republic's general election is due early next month.

The undeclared ceasefire might therefore he characterised simply as a tactical electoral pause, but it seems highly likely that it had the double pur-pose of smoothing the way for Mr Blair's invitation. No one is confident whether, or how long, the undeclared ceasefire will last. Some observers speculate that if it does it will allow republicans to argue that the IRA has already moved some way to fulfil the government de-mand that it should demonstrate its sincerity about peace "by word and deed."

Today's meeting is expected to take place within the Stormont government complex in east Belfast, with Martin McGuinness, newly elected as MP for Mid-Ulster, leading the Sinn Fein delegation. Quentin Thomas, who as political director is the second most senior civil servant at the Northern Ireland Office, is expected to lead the government team.



was bit like Kinshasa after the fall. Defeat had been followed by the sudden and unaccountable disappearance of president-for-life Jonah Majutu. Rumours variously placed him in Morocco, in his home village in Huntingdon, or even in a tiny Howardproof bomb-shelter somewhere in Westminster itself.

Leaderless, the former president's élite guard milled around the palace, their mood swinging wildly between defiance and despair. Some, recognising the futility of resistance, sat slumped in odd corners, dreaming of times past when they had ruled the roost. The clubs, the fawning businessmen, the trips - all were gone, now their once potent weapons fired only blanks.

Others - more spirited - drank in subterranean shebeens, emerging once in a while to shoot their guns wildly in the air, or verbally to beat up inexperienced supporters of the new government who, unwisely, had strayed into the wrong place. Here and there little pockets of resistance formed around former ministers such as Niebolas Soames and David Davis, giggling and catcalling at the inexperience and inarticulacy of the new regime and its more

More coberent were three far-right new boys, vying to be to this Labour government what Norman Tebbit was to that last Labour government long ago. The David Shaw memorial award (for long periods of sullen silence, punctuated by bouts of rancorous barracking) went to tiny John Bercow (Buckingham). Julian Lewis (New Forest East) had stormed and occupied the front





## Conquering army puts its opponents in their place

Oliver Letwin (West Dorset) was practising a new line in aggressive sneering.
But nothing could deflect the new
Labour juggernaut, freshly arrived from the jungles of Britain. Ruthlessly (but without looting) the conquering army

bench below the gangway, where he held dealt with its defeated opponents, starting against Liberal Democrat assault. the former junior health minister, John Horam, and went something like this: Horam: "When will you eliminate

mixed-sex wards?" Secretary of State Dobbo: "You made the mess, so why don't you sod off?" Ian Bruce (Survivor,

Dorest South): "How many administra-tors will lose their jobs in Dorset?" Alan Milburn (new minister): "We don't know. So just sod off" Stephen Dorrell (leadership candidate): "Don't get rid of fundholding," Dobbo: "It's in the manifesto, so sod off." Tim Boswell (just made it, Daventry: "Waiting lists will go up." Tessa Jowell (another new minister): "We won the election, so you'd better sod off." Michael Fabricant (by 77 votes, Lichfield): "How many jobs will be lost through the minimum wage, yes or no?" Alan Milburn: "I was talking about dentistry actually. So, for God's sake, just sod off." Dominic Grieve (phew, Beaconsfield): "What will yon do on mental health?" Paul Boateng (final new minister): "More than you did. Now, if you wouldn't mind, it'd be good if you'd sod off".

But this was just the advance guard. Hard on the heels of the health team was Commander Brown, riding in the turret of a huge tank. He bad come to make a statement about bow the country was to be governed radically differently. And be certainly made it.

Up spake the small voice of one who could yet lead the routed Tories, good of Clarkey. Why change anything, he asked. Hadn't he, Clarkey, done a very good job the old way? And wasn't it impulsive and well, a bit rude, to come and make all, these sweeping statements so quickly, all lowing ordinary, decent Tories so hitle time to adjust? His final plaintive appeals was that Mr Brown should "stop acting like a Chancellor in a hurry".

Commander Brown listened courte ously, smiling from time to time - and then replied. "Sod off,, he said.

## Germans say action must follow words

The Hague

Britain is under mounting pressure to offer further concessions on Europe to clear the way for a new EU constitution at the Amsterdam summit in four weeks. The Prime Minister, Tony Blair, will be presented with a detailed list of demands when he meets fellow EU heads of government for the first time in Noordwijk on Friday.

The new government's "fresh start" on Europe was welcomed at the first meeting between Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and EU colleagues in The Hague yesterday but Germany made it clear it now wants action to match the Europe-friendly rhetoric.

Warning that Amsterdam would be a "night of the long knives", Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, said Britain must go even further, The government's olive branches, which include pledges to sign up to the social chapter and surrendering the national veto over limited areas represent a employment chapter to be in-huge reversal of Tory policy but corporated into the new treaty, new treaty taking effect.

Bonn is holding out for more por er sharing on defence and an ambitious plan to pool sovereignty on justice and home af-fairs. "The British have moved, but there are obviously still points where it would be nice if they moved even further," Mr

Kinkel said.

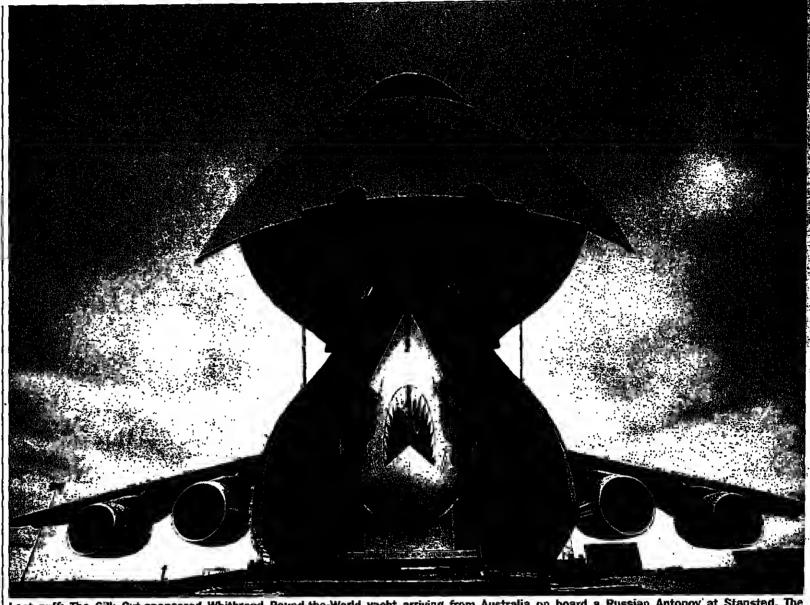
Reflecting Germany's wish to inject fresh impetus into the treaty negotiations, he warned that key reforms to how the EU operates remain to be negotiated and a breakthrough will require eleventh-hour trade-offs. Mr Cook sought the understanding of colleagues for Britain's insistence on retaining border controls and passport checks on EU citizens entering the UK and its rejection of moves to give Brussels legislative power over internal security, strictly a matter for loose co-operation between the capitals up to now.

He stressed the extent to which Britain has already demonstrated its pro-Europe credentials by embracing the social chapter, a controversial reas new powers for the European Parliament and a generally constructive tone.

But new draft-treaty texts tabled by the Dutch EU presidency yesterday outline de-mands which Mr Blair will have little option but to block unless he can forge strong alliances in advance of what one diplomat described as the "final big poker session"

They effectively exclude Britain from decision-making on such matters as immigration and visa policy if it opts out of proposals to create a passport-free travel zone for EU citizens within five years. The proposals would give new powers to the European Commission and the European Court over such questions for the first time in response to German and French demands for an effective policy to combat organised crime.

According to the Dutch plans, which are backed by Germany and France, memberstates would eojoy no right of veto over immigration policy de-



Last puff: The Silk Cut-sponsored Whitbread Round-the-World yacht arriving from Australia on board a Russian Antonov at Stansted. The Government this week announced plans to bring sports sponsorship by tobacco companies to an end

Photograph: Brian Harris

Sarwar claims £5,000 was a loan

### Moves to end hostilities in Euro fish quota war

Sarah Helm Brussels

Agreement to end hostilities over fish "quota hopping" could be finalised within weeks, the Government indicated yesterday, after British ministers held talks in Brussels with Emma Bonino, the Fisheries Commissioner.

The announcement shows that the Government is already achieving concrete results after its drive to establish more cooperative relations with the European Union.

Confirmation of a breakthrough, predicted in The Independent, in the long-standing quota-hopping row came after Ms Bonino discussed Commission ideas for curbing quota-Jack with Cunningham, Minister for Agriculture Fisheries and Food, and Elliot Morley, the Fisheries

Mr Cunningham immediately announced that British officials would begin negotiations with the European Commission to seek a "common way forward in trying to resolve the problems." Ms Bonino's reaction to the British government's concerns had been "very positive," added Mr Cunningham.

The ideas for a solution discussed by the two sides vesterday centred on ensuring that, in future, vessels fishing the British fish quota should have strong economic links to a British region or port.

Similar suggestions were made by the Ms Bonino to the previous Conservative government but they were rejected apparently, say Commission officials, because "there was no interest in a deal."

Ms Bonino favours establishing a regime whereby vessels are obliged to land a certain percentage of their catch at a British port. Other means of ensuring an economic link with a British locality are also being discussed.

The British ministers clearly believe that a solution to the problem can be achieved along these lines, and must now begin the task of persuading the British fishing industry. "Quota-hoppers ought to be linked to ports through regulation of landings or ownership, said Mr Moriey. An attempt by the previous

government to wipe out quotahopping altogether, by virtualy outlawing all foreign ownership of British-registered trawlers, was ruled unlawful by the European Court.

The ministers emphasised that nothing could be done to remove the fishing rights of Spanish or Dutch fishermen. who had already bought their boats and licenses quite legally from British fishermen.

Glasgow Govan started to boil over yesterday as their MP, Mohammad Sarwar, dug himself further into political controversy with an admission that he handed over £5,000 to an elec-

tion opponent Mr Sarwar spent the morning with his lawyer and a state-ment was issued in which he 'vehemently denied" doing anything wrong. He intends pressing on with legal action against the News of the World for alleging that money was paid as

The millionaire MP is said to have told Labour whips on Sunday about the payment to Badar Islam, but insisted that it was loan to a Punjabi brother in financial difficulty and not "compensation" to Mr Islam for running a low-key campaign.

On Monday, when he dismissed the newspaper charge as "totally false", he made no

in part a gift to Mr Islam for a tip-off about a plot to plant drugs in Mr Sarwar's cash and carry warehouse.

The first contact between the Mr Sarwar and Mr Islam, who polled 319 votes under his Independent Labour badge, was not until 11 May and therefore could not have influenced the poll, according to party officials. Following a call by Donald

Dewar, Secretary of Sate for

mention of the payment. The Scotland, the Strathchyde Fraud While the circumstances sur- the middle over the selection plications to the Govan electoral roll and allegations of mal-

practice by Sarwar supporters. Today Nick Brown, the government Chief Whip, will report to Labour's National Executive on the affair, including his questioning of Mr Sarwar. Labour is conducting further inquiries but is unlikely to take any decision on the MP's fate until the police work is over. Mr Sarwar returned

embarrassment to fony Blan and the London leadership, the effect on the febrile Govan constituency party could be catastrophic. For some local activists, Mr Sarwar's resignation and a by-election would be a

relief, were it not for the fact that the SNP could win the seat. "People in Govan Labour Party feel angry and let down." a party source told The Independent. After being split down

plot was further muddied yes- Squad added the bribery claim rounding the election of battle between Mr Sarwar and terday with a report that it was an investigation into late ap- Britain's first Muslim MP are an former MP Mike Watson, it was died together in the run-up to the election, largely by Margaret Curran who buried differences to become Mr Sarwar's agent. "Margaret knocked heads

together and ran a professional campaign. We won Govan despite the history of the selection row, allegations about the roll and a strong SNP challenge. Now all that has been lost and discredited." said the source.

Mr Islam, meanwhile, remained elusive. On top of the £5.000 the entertainments promoter and gambler got from Mr Sarwar, he is also said to have collected a large sum from a

tabloid newspaper.
The News of the World was yesterday sticking to its story and ready to defend itself in court. It claimed to have "further information" but would not comment on a suggestion that it has a tape of the Sarwar-Islam meeting requiring trans-

#### A job to humour Labour backbenchers

Labour MPs last night elected a former front-bench spokesman on home affairs, housing and Northern Ireland to the somewhat daunting task of keeping more than 300 government back-benchers happy and contented, writes Fran Abrams.

Cliva Soley, the member for Ealing, Acton and Shepherd's Bush, will be the new chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Par-

to London late yesterday.

tance than at any time in history.

Mr Soley was elected to the post by 229 votes, while his only challenger, Roger Stott, received 93 votes. Mr Stott, the member for Wigan and also a former Northern Ireland

ty, a job which now carries more impor-

spokesman, had stood on an apparently anti-leadership platform.

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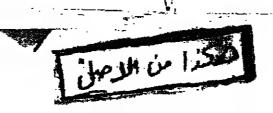
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## Tories vote on 1922 leadership

Fran Abrams
Political Correspondent

Five Tory backbenchers are competing for the chairmanship of the influential 1922 Committee, it emerged last night as nominations for the post closed.

The influential men in grey suits", who have been severely depleted since the election. must choose a new leader before they can set about finding a replacement for John Major.

Among those who announced that they were in the running for the post were the former armed forces minister, Archie Hamilton, and the former secretary of state for education, John MacGregor. Also standing are Edward Leigh, a Euro-sceptic former trade and industry minister, John Townend, chairman of the right-wing 92 group, and John Butterfill. MP for Bournemouth West.

The former chairman, Sir Marcus Fox, lost his Shipley seat to Labour at the general elec-tion and one of his two vicechairmen, Dame Jöl Knight, stood down. The secretaries, Sir John Hannam and Sir Peter Hordern, and the treasurer, Sir Giles Shaw, also chose to leave Parliament

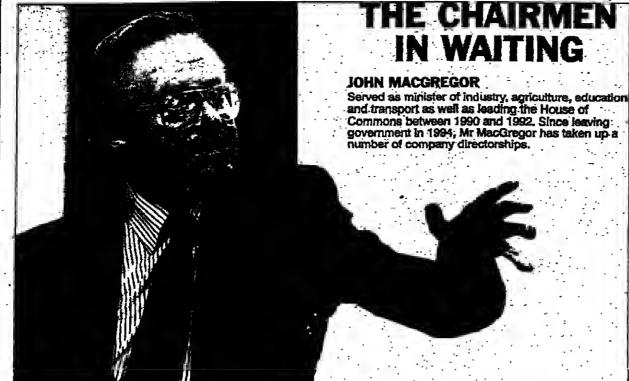
The executive of the 1922 Committee is traditionally as a powerful body to whom the party leader must listen. It represents the views of the rank and file, and if backbenchers lose faith in the leadership, it is the executive who

may force a change of regime. The election will take place today, and once it is over the committee's first task will be to set a timetable for the leadership election. One issue hound to be discussed at an early stage by the new committee is the question of widening the leadership election to take in or-

dinary party members.

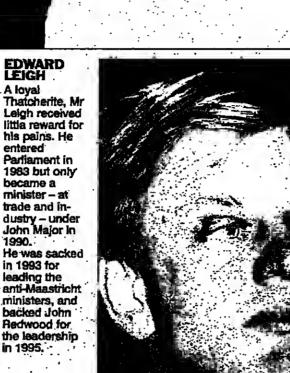
The result of the election will be published tonight. Standing for the vice-chairmanship are Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, an existing vice-chairman, Sir Anthony Steen, a senior back-bencher, Alan Clark, former minister and MP for Kensington and Chelsea, and Mr Townend and Mr Butterfill. Sir Anthony is also standing for treasurer, as is former minister Sir Peter Emery and Maccles-field MP Nicholas Winterton.

Four people have put their names forward for a secretary post: Mr Steen, former minister Michael Mates, Broxbourne MP Marioo Roe and Thanet North MP Roger Gale.





JOHN BUTTERFILL On the more liberal end of the Conservative Party, Mr Butterfill is a Europhile and opposes capital punishment. He is also in favour of a limited lowering of the homosexual aga of consent. A former parliamentary private secretary to Brian Mawhinney and Cecil Parkinson.







SIR ARCHIE HAMILTON

As the son of the third Baron

Sir Archie Hamilton is one of a handful of aristocrats in the House

of Commons. He was a defence minister for six years.

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right-wing views on almost every spending, from the trade unions to immigration and from hanging to homophobia. He was a Ma tricht rebel and backed John Redwood's bid for leadership of the party in 1995.

### Hague camp welcomes votes for local chairmen

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

William Hague last night welcomed a move by Brian Mawhinney to give constituency party chairmen a say in the election of the leader of the Conservative Party. Mr Hague's camp believe the move to give the constituency chairmen 15 per cent of the vote equivalent to 25 MPs - will give the former Welsh Secretary the edge over the other candidates for the leadership.

Mr Hague has embarked on a busy round of regional constituency meetings to put pressure on Tory MPs to back him, and his supporters claim he is ahead with grassroots members.

It is likely the first ballot will take place on 10 June - possibly the same day as the Budget - with party chairmen being allowed to cast their votes by telephone using a code number. The J64 Tory MPs will make up the rest of the votes.

Mr Hague will underline his commitment to a rad-

ical change in the party's voting system at a London rally tonight for over 300 supporters. His campaign was boosted yesterday with the backing of former Treasury minister John Maples. The intervention by the chairman of the Con-

servative Party has made it almost certain that an immediate change in the rules to elect the leader will be agreed by the officers of the 1922 Committee of Tory MPs, who are being elected today. It marks a partial victory for Robin Hodgson, the chairman of the party's voluntary wing, the National It lines who led the campaign for a 20 per con-

al Union, who led the campaign for a 20 per cent share of the vote to be given to the Parliamentary constituency chairmen, Euro-constituency chairmen and the 200-strong National Union executive

Proposing a compromise, Dr Mawhiney said: "We need to be clear that such a change would set a precedent for the principle of wider direct involvement in leadership elections. It should not, however, set a precedent for the mechanism."

Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, tried to get his campaign back on the rails after the attack by Ann Widdecombe, a former minister, by issuing a policy pamphlet called The Future of Europe calling for a "pick and choose" arrangement in the EU for law and order, the Common Agriculture Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy.

Only by allowing countries to pick and choose the policies which they wish to administer jointly can the EU regain the confidence of its peoples," he said.

He promptly came under fire from the Tory chairman of the MEPs, Tom Spencer. Those advocating withdrawal from the CAP showed how little they had learned from the May Day defeat, he said.

"What was rightly punished on May Day was the arrogance of a political party which had begun to assume that it had a right to perpetual power. That arrogance led it to indulge in internal feuding and press-driven paranoia about Europe," he told Sur-

rey chambers of commerce.

Chris Patten yesterday ruled himself out of the race.

Mr Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, may have swept the boards for the leadership, if he had had a seat in Parliament enabling him to run.

### No more letters from the Chancellor

the Treasury, by announcing that he is no longer able to send MPs personal replies to all their hids for the Budget, writes

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by streamlining the system, he will be able to spend more time on the substantive issues they have raised. A Treasury source said it was a "sensible measure" that "should not be taken as any discourtesy to MPs".

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Chancellor's office has had to Mr Brown told the MPs that far. "I am appalled." said serving Tory backbench MP for Macclesfield. "It is a discourtesy to the House and is a further blow to the principle of accountability by this Labour government."

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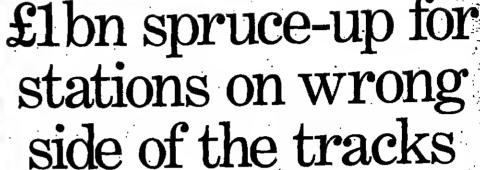
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Randeep Ramesh

A £1bn programme to renovate Britain's crumbling railway stations was launched yesterday by Railtrack.

The company, which owns the oation's track, signalling and 2,500 stations, will embark nn an ambitinus plan which includes roof renewals, reglazing and repairs to hundreds of poorly-maintained buildings,

Railtrack will also be ensuring that station facilities are improved along with passenger nformation systems, footbridges and platforms.

Sir Rubert Horton, chairman of the company, said: This is a very, very exciting day for the railways and our pro-gramme will give a huge boost to every station throughout the country.

Stations are the most visible part of our responsibility - they are nur shop window. They should not be drab or grey. We have some magnificent stations and we intend to resture these precious buildings to their full

The company also hopes that it will not be hit hard by the Government's proposed windfall levy. "I have no information to the windfall tax or whether it applies to Railtrack," Sir

Dilapidated stations have long been the target of traveller's

ire. A recent survey by the Lon-doo Regional Passengers Com-mittee found stations in south London, including Tonting. Wimbledoo Chase and Banstead were "dirty" and had "majnr problems" with "exten-sive graffiti and vandalism".

Mortlake

The new management said the criticism lies mainly with British Rail. "I think that h is fair

also hope that its new spending plans will find favour with Juho Swift QC, the Rail Regulator,

stock and track and signalling work. After all only £30m a year

was spent on infrastructure." said Bob Hill, Railtrack's di-

rector of property.

The company's managers

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who last December described the company's level of mainte-

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MORTLAKE/SELHURST - The two stations top Railtrack's hit-

list for urgent repairs.
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Ing paint and graffiti. NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE - The station has no staff and the building has been boarded up and left to rot. BUGLE, CORNWALL - Rail campaigners claim: "You would nev

er know there was a station there." There are no signs from the road, no timetable, a demolished shelter and no name of the

made it clear before the elec-tion that legislation would be drafted to force Railtrack to meet its investment commitments unless the company addressed the problem itself.

With more than £1bn committed to "deliver the world's best railway", laws are unlikely to hit the statute book.

Save Our Railways, the rail pressure group, welcomed the spendiog plans but said it remains to be "convinced that the plans will turn Britain's stations into the safe, secure and modern facilities that passengers are

Some of the biggest stations, including London Paddington, Edinburgh Waverley, London Waterloo and Glasgow Central, will be refurbished, Regeneration budgets range from tens of thnusands of pounds for a lick of paint to major developments costing £50m per station.

Work will begin on more than 300 stations this year, with the remaining 2.200 upgraded by 2001. There are also plans to allow train companies to offer franchises ranging from retailers to medical surgeries, giving pas-sengers the chance to buy a dental check-up on the station.

Also being considered are high-tech "hot deskur - where travellers could be charged for the use of modems. faxes and phones while they wait for their trains.

## Police sponsorship deals attacked as corruption

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

A police leader yesterday at-tacked what he called a drift towards "ingo cops" and warned that growing private sponsor-ship could lead to corruption. David French, chairman of

the Constables' Central Conference, which represents the 97,000 constables in England and Wales, insisted "our hadge is not for sale."

He said: "I don't want PC
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my helmet or my back."

He added: "Policing is a public service and it must operate independently of and above all private interests. Anything else s tantamount to corruption."

and Wales' annual conference

in Blackpool yesterday. of their funding from private sources, which could be worth £70m a year. A number of forces already use private backers including Northumbria which has sponsorship from a local brewery, and Avon and Somerset, which gets support from an off-licence.

Mr French said: "We the constables say no to your logo, on our vehicles, on our equipment, on the signs above our stations. and especially on our uniforms. He went on in attack chief

number of forces that are executives by using extra fund- total - shows that 83 per cent ment and computers rather than patrol afficers.

It wasn't beat cops we got, Chief constables are now allowed to raise up to one per cent copters, all Turtle Wax and roaring engines for the local news to film. And instead of more officers outside, we got Intel inside. Swanky new computers so sophisticated that A police force is hoping to trithey needed other computers to look after them," he said.

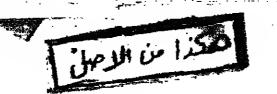
The growing discontent among rank and file members was reflected in a survey pub-lished yesterday which found that the vast majority of constables in London are critical of the way the Metropolitan police is run. The survey of 11,411 consta-

adopting private sponsors at the ing to buy expensive equipared issatisfied with the way resources are allocated and feel they are unable to carry out their responsibilities.

■ The Federation's conference also beard that crime costs an estimated £31bn a year. This includes £16m a week on vehicle theft and £2.3m a day on other

al a new synthetic form of pepper spray, it was announced yesterday. Hertfordshire police is examining a form of spray, called Pava, that contains some of the chemical found in peppers. The Hame Office has ruled out pepper sprays because of concerns about side effects on pregnant women and people





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## Bullied nurses suffer in silence

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Bullying of nurses is growing in National Health Service hospitals, fostered by a culture of macho management and a reluctance to expose the culprits. nurses' leaders said yesterday.

Intimidation, sexual harassment and racial abuse are daily occurrences in an NHS under pressure to treat more patients within tough financial limits, the Royal College of Nursing said.

But nurses choose to suffer in silence out of fear that if they complain they will be stigmatised for bringing their NHS trust into disrepute.

New guidelines issued yes-terday by the RCN urged nurses to report cases of harassment, which are mostly perpetrated by colleagues rather than patients. and to require NHS managers to deal with them. Even when staff complain of

harassment, cases are fre-quently dismissed as personality clashes, the College said.

One bospital nurse described how she and seven colleagues were abused and physically harassed over a 12-month period by a had-tempered consultant who treated them with illconcealed contempt.

Speaking to reporters at the College's annual conference in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, the nurse said: "He was a macho consultant who would come into the hospital in a bad mood in the morning wanting certain people to work for him and if he was denied his way he took to verbally abusing us. and would push us out of the way. One morning we decided we had had enough and all sat in the coffee-room and refused to



transferred to another trust. A community nurse described how she and 10 colleagues were bullied over 18 months by two nursing sisters. Even though her post was senior

able to sleep, she cried easily and took to driving round in her car weren't there." to avoid going into the office. They were constantly undermining, belittling and putting you down. They withheld information, disrupted meetings

She left the job and complained, but management disnussed it as a personality clash. A year later, the two sisters were disciplined and dismissed, Tom

Bolger, assistant general secretary of the RCN, said that ales was growing. But Mr Bolger though bullying was endemic in all organisations, nurses were especially liable to be picked on. services were increasing indi-

said it was possible nurses were starting to identify abrasive management as bullying, "It rehad that things are getting

worse," he said. In a questionnaire conducted for the RCN's journal, Nursing Standard, more than half the 380 nurses who replied said they had been bullied and a quarter said that they

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## Six held in child

Labour sets our an urb

Former members of the St John Ambulance Brigade were arrested in a series of dawn raids yesterday by Hampshire police officers investigating a paedophile ring.

Six men, aged 38 to 69, were seized at addresses in Aldershot and Farnborough after a four-month investigation into alleged child abuse between the 1960s and 1980s. They were being questioned at different police stations ncross the county yesterday.

The inquiry, codenamed Operation Grandee, unveiled a catalogue of alleged abuse and comes just a month after a Hampshire-based paramedic was sentenced to four years for repeated indecent assaults on teenage girls he met through St John Ambulance.

Officers from the 25-strong squad have interviewed hundreds of alleged victims from as far afield as Australia, Thailand and the United States, but believe many more bave yet to come forward.

Detective Inspector Peter Swan, who is leading Operation Grandee, said: "We have identitied a large number of alleged victims and possible offences. But this is an ongoing inquiry and we are anxious to speak to any former St John Ambulance members from the Aldershot and Farnborough areas who may have helpful information."

Harry Dymond, Commander of the Hampshire region of St John Ambulance, said: "We are devastated by this news, We believe that all those involved were ex-members of the organisation but we have already begun a full internal

inquiry. "We already have a stringent child protection policy, but if the inquiry shows any weaknesses then we shall certainly tighten our screening procedures.

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A spokesman for St John Ambulance said: "We are extremely distressed and concerned about this case and will do everything we can to support the police. We and social services have been working closely with the police since the beginning of the year to assist their investigations."

## roposal to allow relatives into casualty is rejected

Jeremy Laurence

Letting relatives watch attempts to bring their loved ones back to life in hospital accident and emergency departments could cause deep psychological trauma and do more harm than good, nurses decided yesterday. The Royal College of Nursing, meeting at Harrogate for

their annual conference, rejected a proposal that hospitals should operate an open door policy for relatives who wanted

to be present when resuscitation was attempted.

In an emotional speech to the college's annual conference in Harrogate, Betty Woodland, an A&E nurse with 30 years' experience, described how witnessing efforts to revive ber 18-month-old grandson after he fell into a lake added to the family's distress.

"The loss of a precious child devastated the family. But efforts by police, ambulance, paramedics and A&E staff left

us traumatised so much so that I will live with it for the rest of my life. No amount of training in A&E prepared me to watch it from the other side."

She said the accident left no mark on her grandson's body, but after the resuscitation attempt he was bruised and battered. For ever I will wonder did

they carry on for longer than they would have if we bad not been watching. There is no doubt in my mind that I and my family were, and still are, dam-

aged by watching that attempted resuscitation. Going against advice from a

working party of the college and from doctors on the UK Resuscitation Council, that relatives should be allowed into resuscitation rooms to aid the grieving process when attempts failed, nurses decided by a margin of two to one that the dan-

gers were too great.

The spectacle of a close relative being subjected to a medically-sanctioned assault -

having their chest pounded, their windpipe intubated and their heart given an electric shock - in an often doomed attempt to bring them back to life, could add to the distress of those left behind, the meeting

Hospitals did not have the resources to counsel relatives during a resuscitation attempt. Helen Whyley, a staff nurse from Wales, who proposed the

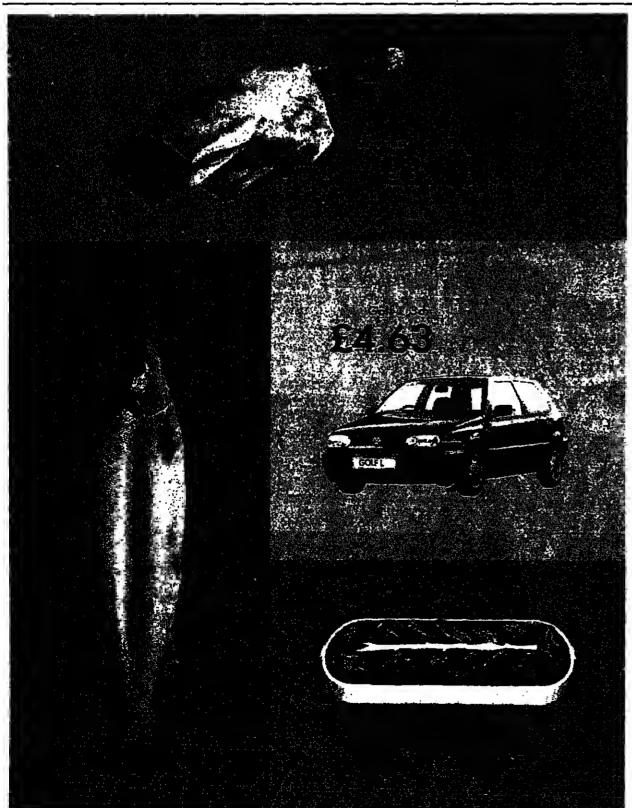
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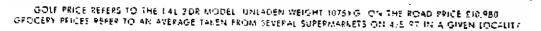
family member died. "This may be their last chance to say I love you, I'm sorry or goodbye," A 1995 survey showed a quar-

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low in A&E at King's College Hospital, London, said he had been excluded from the resuscitation room when his own mother suffered a cardiac arrest. "Witnessing something is painful, but ignorance is far "It is said that relatives will worse," he said.



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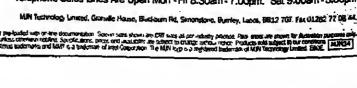
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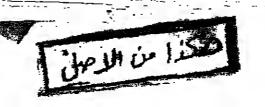
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## Labour peer Rogers sets out his vision for an urban revolution

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The architect Richard Rogers used his maiden speech in the House of Lords to spell out a plan for revitalising and hu-manising Britain's cities.

Lord Rogers, who has been a key figure in advising the Labour Party on architecture for some years, told the Lords we should be regenerating detellet land and unoccupied buildings in our cities "into clusters of compact, live-and-work communities based on walking, cycling and rapid public transport octworks"

Rather than sprawl, he said, we should make better use of the space within our cities. Even in London, he added, 5 per ceot of the land is derelict or unused.

He said that effective public transport was one key to a better city, inspiring public places were another. "But in Britain's cities today, the public realm has suffered severe erosion - by the car, and by a lack of public amhition. There have been oo major public squares, tree-lined aveoues or packs built in central Loodon in our lifetimes.

We have a choice. Roundabouts or civic spaces? Highways or riverside parks? Elitist clubs or open public institutions?

Why oot use Millennium Lottery funds to plant a million urban trees? Why not create the



suffers from asthma.

most beautiful riverside park continues to decline, one in along the Embankment from seven of our inner-city children here [Westminster] to Blackfriars? Why not approach this, the Mother of Parliaments through ·a noble square - rather than across a congested round

Lord Rogers detailed what he felt was "wasteful, inefficient and brutalising" in our cities. He said: "We can ignore the

figures about increasing inequality; but it is harder to ig-oore huddled figures sleeping in streets and doorways or trapped in decaying housing estates. We may flee from inner-city derelictioo and take to the suburbs, but in so doing we extend the urban sprawl into the countryside. We may be moan the decline in public transport while we sit in

our cars and poisoo the air: hut meanwhile, urban air quality

er people take the hus and more go by car. As a result, the average speed has dropped to the horse-and-carriage rate of a century ago. The wasted time is said to cost London £15bn a year in wasted time and resources." On public buildings, Lord

Rogers said we must ensure that schools, hospitals, universities, public housing projects, parks and squares are designed by the best talent and sometimes by "the most adveoturous". The educatioo system should pro-mote an understanding of the urban environment, he said. Lord Rogers added: "Cities

seven of our inner-city childreo have the power to humanise or "In London, we've built more to hrutalise. They are made by and more roads, yet they carry people and people get the cities almost 50 per cent fewer peo-



Technicolour dreamcoats: Clergy on the catwalk showing designer alternatives to their traditionally subdued outfits at the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park in Surrey yesterday

#### DAILY POEM

Psalm 23

A version by Gordon Jackson

I am the Lord's sheep; all that I need I have.

He pastures me in the greenest meadow, He waters me at the clearest brooks,

he sees to it that I thrive. With care he leads me safely on good paths

for shepherd's nonour, Even through darkest dales and the threats of death

you with your cudget and your crook to help me.

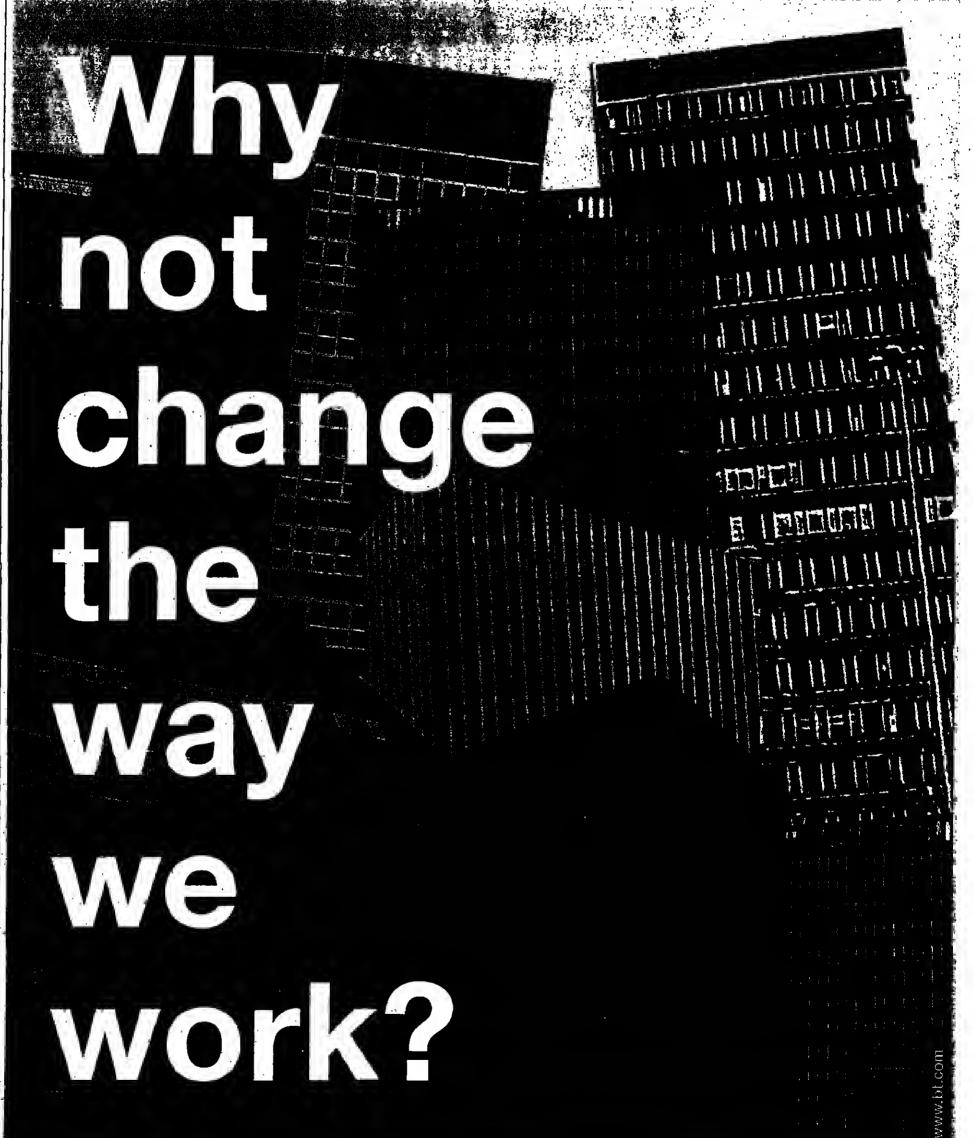
You spread me a feast in front of my enemies; you shower me with honours, you fill my glass yourself. All my life long your mercy has dogged my steps,

and your goodness always bounds ahead of me; And all my life to come the House of the Lord will be my fold, and yours.

Gordon Jackson has worked for most of his career in teacher education, in addition to running the Grosseteste Press in Lincoln. The poet Donald Davie, who had come across some of his versions of the Psalms, encouraged him to tackle the whole Psalter. Jackson writes that *The Lincoln Psalter* (oow published by Carcanet, £9:95) is intended as a homage to the familiar Miles Coverdale translation that also aims "to drag in with us the contemporary world in which we live. We must find room for the tyrants and oppressors of our time along with David's adversaries, and use his circumstances to make sense of ours".







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## New York State hands industry licence to pollute

David Usborne

In its efforts to attract new industries to set up shop within its borders, New York State has surely come up with the most novel - and politically contro-versial - incentive of them all: permission to pollute.

The strategy, details of which only surfaced this week, will be seen either as policy gone mad or as a masterstroke by a state government trying to halance the demands for economic growth and environmental reponsibility.

It is made possible by the existence already of so-called pol-lution credits that are traded for many thousands of dollars on

are the progeny of the Federal Clean Air Act of 1990 that first set limits on how much noxious material industrial plants could pump into the air.

The Act created a system that works like this: any company or state agency that successfully stays below the limits imposed upon it by the law is granted pollution credits as a reward for its efforts. Those credits can then be traded. The buyers are firms who can then use them to stay within the law rather than investing in modifying their plants actually to reduce emissions.

Now the administration of George Pataki, the Governor of York, is dangling these credits in front of companies contemplating coming to the state and handing them over free. A glass-making factory has already established itself in the state thanks to a huge handout of these credits.

The revelation is bound to provoke angry reactions from environmentalists. Activists argue that once credits bave been accumulated, they should be retired instead of sold in order to ensure further protection of the atmosphere.

The United States itself has been widely criticised for being too soft in enacting global agreements on curbing so-called greenhouse gas emissions, the foundations of which were laid at the United Nations Rio sum-

mit five years ago.

The notion of pollution credits is, in fact, at the core of proposals recently made by the

the open market. The credits er in Kyoto, Japan. In this instance, environmentalist activists may like the proposal. It suggests offering credits to companies that go beyond what is required of them in cutting emissions in new plants in emerging industrial giants like China. In return, they would be spared the obligation to make modifications to factories at home in the US, which are probably reasonably efficient al-

> Among leading brokerages of pollution credits is Cantor Fitzgerald in New York. Last month, its Environmental Brokerage Services set up a web site for the trading of pollution credits. Moreover, the firm pledged that it would purchase and retire - one credit for a

Attention was turned recentthat initiated a project to raise

. The students raised \$24,000 (£15,000) which paid for credits equivalent to the emission of 300 tonnes of sulphur dioxide.

new policy, a spokesperson for the Empire State Development Corporation told the New York Times: "It was a unique and innovative idea. We try to make it easier for manufacturers to move to New York."

But the group Environmen tal Advocates countered: "It's disturbing that the state would turn around and give away pollution credits it has accumulat-Clinton administration to the ed by reducing its own pollution UN, in advance of a summit on emission. The state should be regreenhouse gases to be held lut- tiring them for public health."

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ly to an upstate New York school money for purchasing pollution rtedits, which were then retired

Defending New York state's

#### significant shorts

#### **Turkish PM survives** vote but looks doomed

Turkey's government parried efforts to topple it but Neemettin Erbakan, the Prime Minister, may soon have to quit. It won yesterday's parliamentary vote, to decide if it would be subject to a motion of no-confidence, by six votes. While the result has secured the short-term future of the coalition between Mr Erbakan's Welfare Party and Tansu Ciller's True Path Party, she is due to assume a Christopher de Bellaigue - Ankara

#### Air Force sex hearing delayed

The court-martial of Kelly Flinn, the US Air Force pilot charged with adultery, was delayed pending a response from the Air Force to her application for an honourable discharge. At the weckend she offered to resign hut on Monday, as evidence grew of disagreement in the Air Force about how to deal with the case, officials indicated her request would not he granted.

#### Mary Dejevsky - Washington Bomber booby-traps bleeper

A hooby-trapped bleeper, delivered to a waitress in a New York cale, exploded in her hands, blasting off her right little linger. Tara Zukas detonated the beeper when she changed the battery. Patrons retrieved her finger and packed it in ice. Reports indicated the bomb was probably intended for her brother. Reuters - New York

#### Fears grow for jaguars

The World Wide Fund for Nature said a Venezuelan proposal to end a han on hunting jaguars was a "severe threat to it survival. Venezuela wants to issue licences for jaguars and allow up to 30 of the animals to be exported as hunting trophies each year. Proceeds would go to conservation projects.

AP - Gland, Switzerland

#### Crash dashes space hopes

A Zenit-2 booster rocket carrying a Russian military satellite exploded and crashed soon after launch in another blow to Russia's space programme. AP - Moscow

#### Top dog goes to big kennel

Millie, a springer spaniel who was "first dog" in the Bush White House and namesake of a book that offered a dog's-eye view of the presidency, has died at the Bush summer home in Maine. She was 12.

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Canadian polls

show separatist

vote plunging

Support for the Bloc Ouébecois

the Quebec separatist party that runs for seats in the national par-

liament, is falling so fast that the

bead of the Quebec provincial government, Premier Lucien Bouchard, has been forced to step back into federal politics in

What had been a plodding

campaign leading to a vote on 2 June bas suddenly caught

fire following televised leaders'

debates in English and French

and the release of several polis

which suggest that a funda-mental realignment is under

The surprise beneficiary is

Conservative Party Leader Jean

Charest, who has laboured for

the past three-and-a-half years in the House of Commons with one other Member of Parliament

in his caucus, too few to be rec-

After a commanding perfor-mance in television debates

and a series of stumbles by

Bloc Québecois leader Gilles

Duceppe, it appears that many

who want Quebec to have a

more independent status with-

ognized as ao official party.

an attempt to rescue it.

way in Quebec.

in Canada have decided that Mr Charest best represents their

This group, which had sup-ported the Conservatives in the

past, voted massively in the

1993 election for the Bloc

Québecois because they want-ed a bargaining chip to extract a distinct status for Quebec

Until midway through the

current election campaign, it ap-

peared the Bloc Quebecois was

about to pull off a repeat of the 1993 results in Quebec, de-

spite the lacklustre performance

of Mr Duceppe. But when weekend polls showed support

for the Bloc Quebecois to be in

free fall, the Quebec premier decided to become iovolved.

appearance on Monday eve-

ning, he needs a strong Bloc in

Ottawa to keep the federal

government of Prime Minister

A dramatic reversal for the

Bloc would make it seem that the

Quebcc sovereignty movement

was losing momentum and that

could have implications for the

next referendum on indepen-

dence, which Mr Bouchard is

planning to hold next year.

Jean Chrétien off halance.

As he said in his first public

withio the federation.

## Albania heads back to chaos

PM cails for help as electoral clash threatens new violence, writes **Andrew Gumbel** 

Albania was teetering on the edge of another political explosion yesterday as the country's bitterly feuding parties failed to agree on a mutually acceptable electoral law. The Prime Minister, Bashkim Fino. issued a last-minute cry for help from the international community, warning that renewed chaos was just around the corner.

The country has been con-vulsed over the past week by a stand-off between President Sali Berisha and his Democratic Party, who have steamrollered their own electoral law through parliament and are now actively campaigning for a poll called for 29 June, and the rest of the political spectrum, which feels affronted, upstaged and cheated.

In theory, parliament was supposed to approve an elec-toral law only after Mr Fmo's government of national reconciliation had negotiated a consensus decision on it. But President Berisha has deliberately ignored his own commitment to all-party rule, resorting instead to his familiar sledgehammer tactics and thus imperilling his country's future.

The failure of the debate on the electoral law has brought Albania to the brink of an even deeper crisis, with unforeseeable consequences," a statement from Mr Fino's office read.

crisis, but it has tied its fortunes entirely to Mr Fino's government. Since Mr Fino is by his that the force might be forced



hand at the start of his election campaign in Shijak, 20km west of Tirana Photograph: AP

#### UK fears Bosnia withdrawal

The Secretary of State for Defence, George Robertson, met the commander of the Nato-led Stabilisation Force (S-For) in Bosnia yesterday among signs of disagreement between Britain and the US about the feasibility of withdrawing the force on schedule by July next year, writes Christopher Bellamy. Mr Robertson's visit coincided with growing frustration about the attitude of the local Bosnian Muslim, Croat and Serb factions which have falled to reunity as the Dayton peace treaty demanded.

The Greek Defence Minister, Akis Tsobatzopoulos, warned

President Berisha was in no mood for conciliation, choosing

trip to the southern town of Fier, one of the most virulent centres of revolt against his rule, to boast that the Democratic Party was going to win 75 per ceot of the vote oo 29 Juoe.

Since the president is without doubt the most hated man in Al-

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## Relief over new chief justice

The legal community in Hong Kong has breathed a collective sigh of relief with yesterday's announcement that Andrew Li, a 48-year-old barrister, is to become the first Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal fol-lowing the end of British rule.

It was widely believed that Mr Li's main rival for the post was the High Court judge, Benjamin Liu, who bad strong backing from pro-Peking political figures but little support in the legal

The appointment, based on



a recommendation by the independent judicial commission, came with the unanimous vote. of its members who considered 140 possible candidates before opting for Mr Li.

Andrew Li is a member of

Governor Chris Patten's Executive Council, or cabinet, which could have been counted as a negative point by members of

selves from the outgoing regime. However, Tung Cheehwa, the leader of the incoming government, bas shown a desire for continuity by announcing that all heads of civil service departments will keep their jobs. Mr Tung described Mr Li as

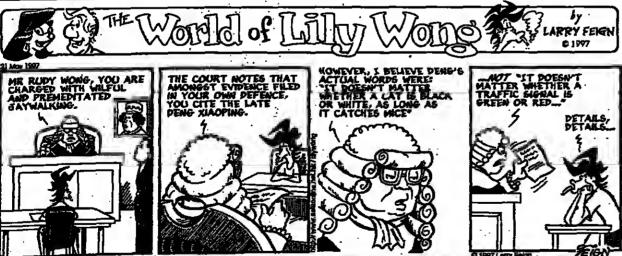
who are keen to distance them-

"an outstanding lawyer with exceptional personal qualities". Members of the outgoing ad-ministration, including the Governor, also rushed to praise him. Margaret Ng, who represents the legal community in the legislature, said that if the ap-

way it would have led to rying developments".

She described Mr Li as "a conservative but, at the same time. I think he is a mild reformer". Anthony Chow, the new president of the Law Society, believed that he would bring stability" to the legal system.

The continuation of the rule of law and independence of the judiciary are widely seen as benchmarks for the preservation of Hong Kong's way of life under the new order. Mr Li's new



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Mr Robertson met US General William Crouch, S-For's cominterpreted as a threat that the the election process. The law as mander, in Sarajevo, to discuss efforts to build a lasting peace. The Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, warned on Monday that the failure of the local parties to fulfil the Dayton accord may mean Democratic Party inteoded to it stands does not provide the hold on to absolute power by framework necessary to ensure failure of the local parties to fulfil the Dayton accord may mean the Nato-led presence has to be extended beyond July 1998 to prevent a return to civil war. US officials have insisted the deadwhatever means it took. that the vote leads to political There are signs that the reland social stability in the counative calm that Albania has ina cannot be moved. Mr Robertson met Bosnian Serb President try. It is no longer a technical enjoyed since Mr Fino's gov-ernment was sworn in in March Biljana Plavsic at Banja Luka and saw members of the Bosnian "collective presidency" - Muslim, Croat and Serb - in Sarajevo. problem, the key issue is restor-ing the country's faith in a free is beginning to break. Gangland shootings and random violence The international commuown admission now powerless. to withdraw if an agreement on are on the increase, while in the nity has a peace-keeping force of several thousand men in Althe force has effectively lost capital, Tirana, the presidential guard has imposed a climate of the elections could not be what little role it ever had. found. The international combania, but is effectively power-Yesterday, the Italian De-fence Minister, Benjamino Anmunity looks uncertain, howfear by firing its weapons every night at the start of curfew less to act. Not only does the ever, what to do next except keep pressing for dialogue be-tweeo the parties. force's mandate preclude it dreatta, acknowledged that the thus triggering an inevitable response from the city's gunfrom intervening in the present next few hours would be crucial.

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## 6 We have set out along the new road to Africa's dream of her renaissance?

#### Mandela heralds the dawning of a new age for troubled continent

The day after Laurent Kabila declared himself President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa's great hero, President Nelson Mandela, announced another dawning: the coming of the new African

An African renaissance, he told Zimbabwean politicians on Monday, was at hand. Patriotism demanded that African leaders strive to find African solutions to the woes that crowd what many regard as the world's basket-case continent. "Thus we have striven to the best



Complex problems spanning decades will not lend themselves to easy solutions. But the time has come for Africa to take full responsibility for her woes... We are convinced that our region and our continent have set out along the new road to realise Africa's

Now that colonialism and apartheid have been consumed by their own fires, the time has come to act, and to act in the interest of the people. History enjoins us to do so: and we

Nelson Mandela

of our ability to make a contribution in finding a truly African solution to the problems of Zaire and the Great Lakes region," he said.

The South African president, who presided over recent peace talks be-tween Mr Kabila and the now ousted dictator Mobutu Sese Seko, was developing a theme. A few months ago, Mr Mandela's deputy, Thabo Mbeki, held an audience of American businessmen spellbound with the same lyrical idea; the death of a victim continent and the rise of an Africa which would eventually stand on its own two feet.

In Africa it is easy to understand that the notions appeals. Thirty years after independence from European colonial rule, the continent still languishes at the bottom of the economic beap, its recent history dominated by war, political despots and famine.

Abroad, the idea is warmly received by pragmatic politicians who envisage an end to expensive interventionist policies. It also assuages the guilt that comes from knowing the colonial powers' vicious carving of Africa lies at the root of the confinent's current problems; particularly when the world's greatest living statesman argues it is time for Africa to stop blaming the colonialists and "take full responsibility for her woes". If the renaissance forecast by

South Africa is a political vision for the continent, who can quibble? Left by its former white rulers with a severe inferiority complex, a vision of what might be is essential. But it is debatable whether a new

wind of change is beginning to blow across Africa. It is even more arguable whether events in the former Zaire last weekend were really an example of African solutions at work. Exactly how much influence South African diplomacy had in the creation of the relatively "soft landing" waiting for Kahila's rebel forces in Kin-

shasa is not yet known. We will have

to wait for Mr Kabila's memoirs.



Hero's welcome: Zaireans fly the flag of Kabila's alliance in Kinshasa yesterday, in anticipation of the president's arrival Photograph: AP

But Mr Mobutu finally relinquished power not because President Mandela and Mr Mbeki sat on a boat all weekend trying to bring him and rebel leader Laurent Kabila together - but because Mr Kabila's

rebels forced him to do so. Mr Kabila bas taken power through the barrel of a gun; just as his mentor Yoweri Museveni did in Uganda, and bis ally, defence minister Paul Kagame, did in Rwanda.

Right up to the end, long after the international community cut him loose, French pragmatic supporters of Mr Mohutu, were insisting he bad to be persuaded from power. "Your Anglo-Saxon democracy will fail," warned a French diplomatic source. forecasting blood on the streets of Kinshasa, just before Mr Mobutu fled. "Mobutu needs to be massaged

and wooed like a woman."

According to Ghanian academic George Ayittey, author of Africa Betrayed, there was nothing renais-sance-like, or uplifting, about the forces bringing change in Zaire. The downfall of a dictator by military means, be said, sent out the wrong signals. But was there any other way?

The proof of a renaissance will rest not so much in the way power was transferred, as in what Mr Kabila now does, how successfully Congo-Zaire's economy is reformed and the influence other African leaders bave

on Mr Kahila's thinking. Those who do see signs of change in Africa point not just to postapartheid South Africa and the new post-war peace in its neighbouring countries, but to a new post-inde-pendence generation of leaders in

central and east Africa, Led by Uganda's President Museveni, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Rwanda are ruled by governments characterised by strong and corruption-free administration and relative personal

freedom. They managed to secure

western loans and support while avoiding multi-party democracy. If Mr Kabila is not in the Museveni mould and is, as some forecast, another despot in the making, it will be a tremendous blow to the region and the continent as a whole. At the moment, no one knows. "He is ab-solutely unknown," said a western diplomat and as yet he "has no poli-

like headless chickens". With so much to do in the hankrupt and ruined Congo-Zaire, Mr Kahila, like President Musevent, may

argue that democracy in the shortterm will get in the way. But for Congo-Zaire's new ruler multi-party democracy may become a measure of success in the way it bas not been for his mentor, "In Uganda's case, Museveni could argue that after Idi Amin, multi-party democracy would divide the country along tribal lines,"

said a Western diplomatic source, That argument is not as strong in Congo-Zaire, where politics is less tribally defined and political understanding, particularly in Kinshasa, more sophisticated. With Zaire in ruins, sceptics say

President Mandela's renaissance cies. His advisers are running round may well be far too premature, the result of hopeless romanticism from a man still dazzled by the light of South Africa's own miracle.

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#### Kabila arrives in Kinshasa

Kinshasa (Reuters) — Laurent Karbila landed in Kinshasa yesterday, four days after his rebel army swept Zaire's president Mobutu Sese Seko from power and Mr Kabila pro-claimed himself president of the renamed Democratic Republic of

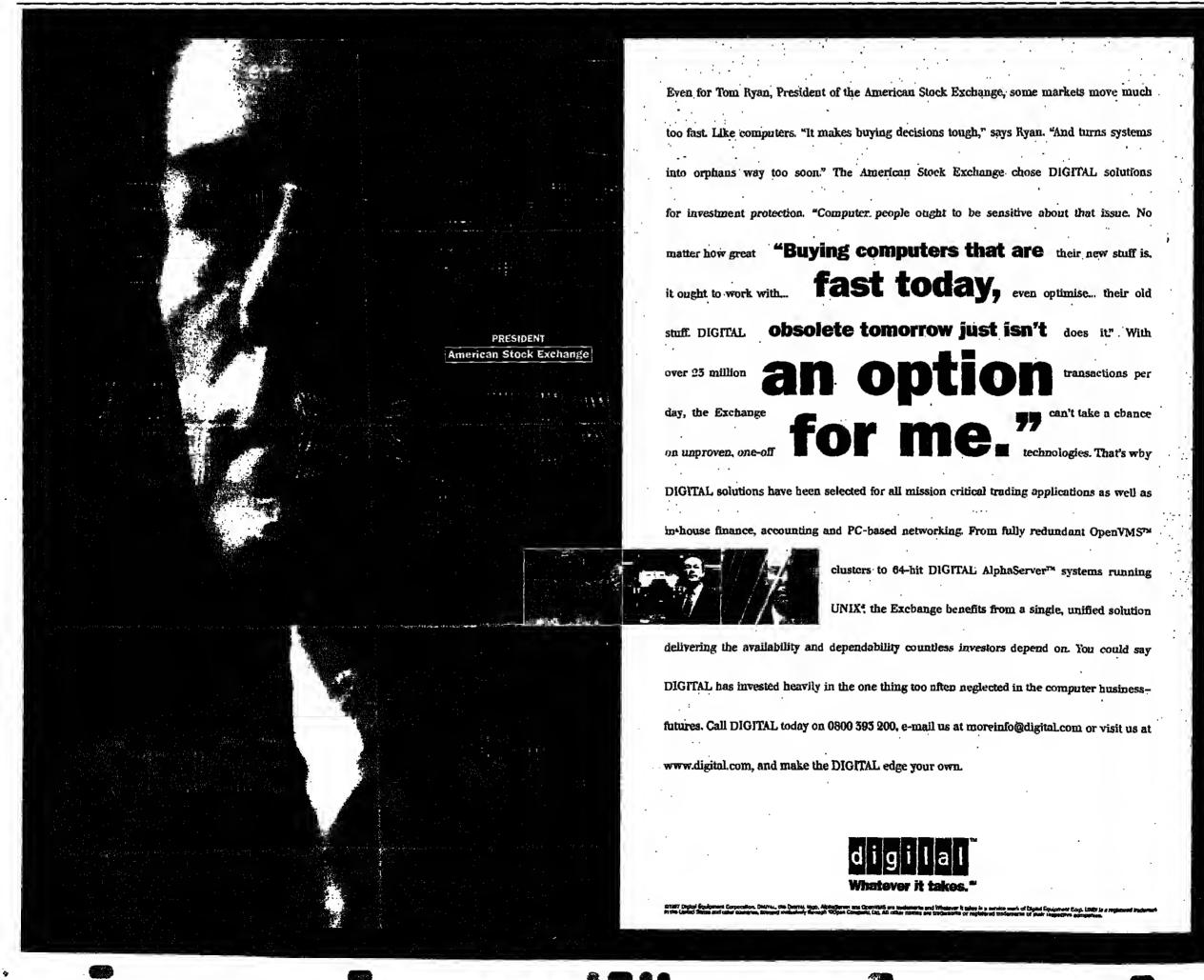
Congo. Mr Kabila flew into Kinshasa's Ndjili international airport in darkness, after crossing the vast country he now controls. He was met by officials of his Alliance of Democrat-ic Forces for the Liberation of Congo (AFDL) who flew in earlier from the provisional rebel capital of Lubumbashi, near the border with Zambia.

Officials expect Mr Kabila to address the nation of 47 million later this week. The victorious rebel alliance had promised to establish a transitional government by yesterday. but there was no indication as of early evening that an administration

team was about to be announced. State radio, renamed Voice of Congo, said members of Mr Kabi-la's alliance were "in consultation" with political personalities notably Etienne Tshisekedi", the most prominent opposition leader under the toppled regime of president Mobutu Sese Seko. One newspaper. Le Potentiel, predicted that Mr Kabila would make Mr Tshisekedi his prime minister for the transition to a new constitution and, ultimately, fullscale elections.

The alliance finance adviser Mawampanga Mwana Nanga, said it would stick to its promise to hold elections within one year, but that Mr Mohutn's supporters would be excluded from a transitional government.

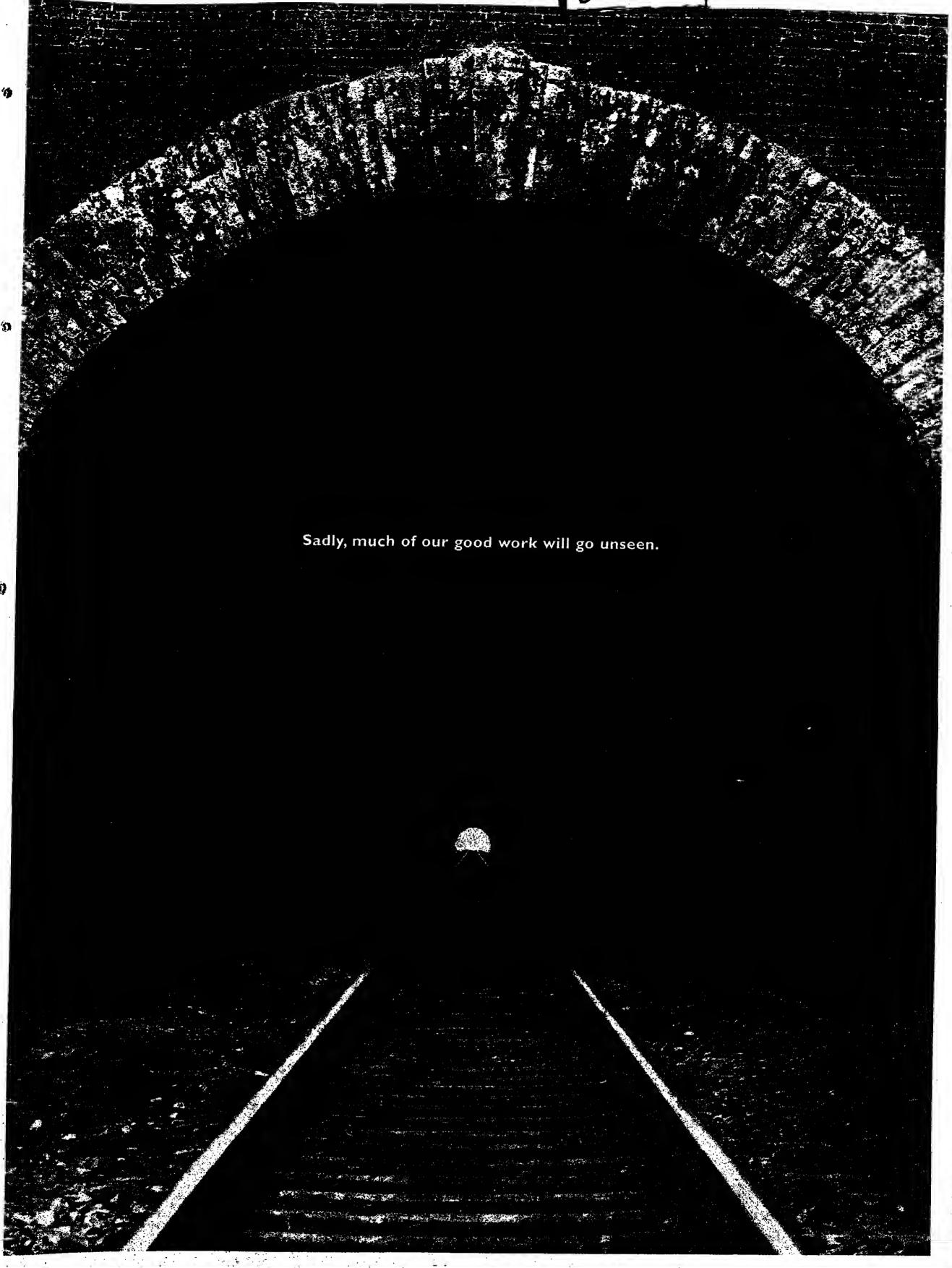
Lome — Mr Mobutu prolonged his stay in Togo on health grounds yesterday after his flight into exile left him "very, very weak", a source close to the government said. The source close to the Togolese government said Morocco or France were likely later destinations.



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## Great Game is afoot again as rivals

America, Russia, Turkey and Iran are engaged in pipeline politics around the Caspian, where the British and Russian empires once locked horns, writes Phil Reeves

Somewhere on the milky blue owed by the planet's bully-boys, horizon of the Caspian Sea, a and across a mountainous rebarge is plying its way through the water. As it chugs along, a concrete-coated steel pipe slides out of its stern, like toothpaste from a tube, and sinks

down on to the seabed. It is laying a link that will carry the first gush of Azerbaijan's huge off-shore oil deposits from a platform to Baku, on the Caspian's western shore. It is a delicate husiness, which involves negotiating a path around underwater volcanoes,

cliffs and yawning chasms. But that task is dwarfed by larger issues: the barge is also picking its way along the political equivalent of the San Andreas fault, a crack in the geopolitical crust that once separated the Ottoman, Persian and Russian empires, and now divides their modern equivalents, whose appetites are whet-ted anew by the whiff of oil.

No one knows bow much oil lies in the Caspian basin. A recent US State Department report said there may be 178 billion barrels, more than an exaggeration, yet few dispute that the sea conceals deposits likely to he two or three times the North Sea's. The problem squabbles about how to divide up the Caspian territorially among the five nations that

gion fraught by ethnic strife, banditry, and small wars.

There has already been turmoil since the scale of the Caspian's riches - the treasure Hitler sought when he invaded the Soviet Union in 1941 - began to emerge. One reason Russia sent the tanks into Chechnya in 1994, beginning a conflagration that cost 80,000 lives, was to control a pipeline

Yet, undeterred, the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan is forging ahead with extracting its share of the spoils at breakneck speed. "Five years ago I was sitting in a little office in the centre of Baku's old city, thinking what the hell would I do next, said Terry Adams, a Welshman with BP. "Now look where we are." We are sitting in his beadquarters, a former Communist palace of culture decked with Adams is head of the Azerbaijan International Operating Company (AIOC), the leading player in a group of five con-Kuwait's 100 billion barrels. sortia given oil concessions by Oil executives believe that to be Azerbaijan. He shows visitors a map of southern England with a long streak drawn diagonally across it, stretching from the M25's north-western edge at is not so much getting it to the surface, although there are eastern rim, near Rochester. That, he explains, is the size of his field, an estimated 4 billion barrels which will be pumped circle its shores. The real issue out over the next 30 years. "It is how to get oil to market from a land-locked sea overshad-would be surprising if it didn't



Black gold: An oilfield in Azerbaijan, a key player in the Caspian basin, where reserves rival those of the North See

grow." The pipe-laying barge now crossing the Caspian is laying a link for his platform, the Chirag 1, which he hopes will have its first oil by August.

test often compared with the Great Game, the 19th-century struggle waged over India be-

tween the British Empire and BP-led consortium, which is 40 per cent American, is the pol-Russia. We are seeing a realicy of Azerbaijan's president, ly changing geopolitical halance in the region," he remarks Haidar Aliyev, a veteran of the Soviet KGB and Polithuro. A cautiously close colleague of Brezhnev's,

the 73-year-old president has played an artful hand, keeping predatory powers at hay by sharing out the ricbes and pun-

ishing troublemakers. Any external attempt to in-

terfere with Azerbaijan is likely to meet with opposition from 11 countries whose oil interests have a stake in the five consortia, Iran and Britain have holdings in two of them; Russia and the US have a cut in three. "Aliyev has created a situation where the West and others bave been brought in on a commercial basis to form a pretty consolidated geopolitical group, which is highly motivated by commercial and self-interests, said one Baku source.

"Just look, he's got London." Washington, Paris, Brussels, Bonn, Moscow, Tbilisi, Tehran;

Istanbul, and Tokyo. For now, the mighty forces bearing down on Azerbaijan's new wealth appear to be playing along in the mutual pursuit of profit. But the potential for trouble still exists, not least because the routes by which Azerbaijan's oil will get to the international market have yet to be settled.

It is already agreed that the first -or "early" - Azeri oil will flow along two routes, which will operate indefinitely. One is

## Alliance rifts leave Taliban Afghanistan's likely victors

**Ji** Fergusson

A calamitous split in the alliance ranged against the Taliban has opened the way for a fresh offensive by the Afghan fundamentalists.

No military victory could have been as valuable to themas the rift in the ranks of General Rashid Dostum, who has resisted the northwards advance of the Taliban since the autumn.

The defection to their side of General Abdul Malik, the Alliance's de facto Foreign Affairs minister, means that, at a single stroke, General Dostum has lost control of the areas to the west of bis capital, Mazar-i-Sharif. This leaves his troops on the far western front hopelessly isolated; their defeat, which according to some reports is already a fact, would allow the Thi-



iban to begin the final advance on Mazar, the key to the remaining third of the country not yet under their control. Unlike the eastern front, the

terrain the Taliban must cross is almost perfectly flat and an easy prospect for any mechanised army. They are already scenting victory. In a statement from Kandahar, the Taliban headquarters. Mullah Mohammed, the movement's reclusive leader, said that anyone surrendering voluntarily would be

spared by the regime. But he said: "Those forced to surrender by the Talihan will face Islam courts." No one in Mazar has forgotten what this Palhawn, who rose to promimeant for Mohammed Najibullah, the former Afghan president. On the fall of Kabul

strung him up from a lamppost. The routing of General Dosto many times its normal size by ed ample revenge.

refugees from all over the country - some of them covert Taliban sympathisers, although many are not. The arrival of the fundamentalists. Western aid workers fear, could drive hundreds of thousands of refugees north across the borders of the central Asian republics.

The great worry is that sectarian warfare could spread, Tajikistan, which is only now emerging from a five-year civil war of its own, is seen as being particularly vulnerable.

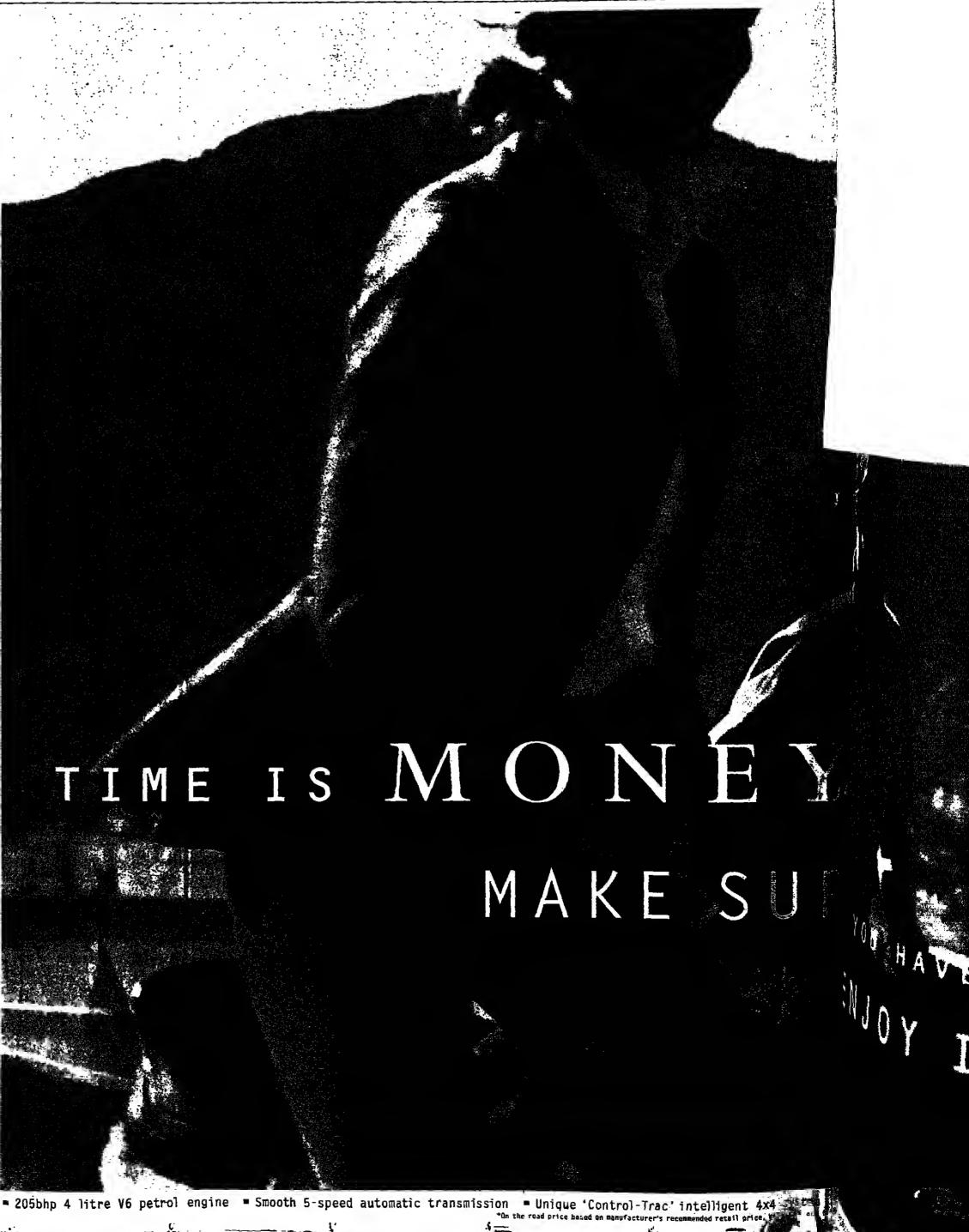
General Dostum isn't finished yet, however. Mazar is still calm; he possesses a considerable number of tanks and fight ers, and bas been kept well supplied over the winter months by Russia, Iran and Uzbek-istan, all of which are anxious to prevent Taliban's success.

General Dostum's current whereabouts are unknown. But if he can establish a second Western front, he may be able to survive. Much depends on the loyalty of his main ally in the east, the ethnic Tajik leader, Ahmed Shah Masoud; although last night there were unconfirmed reports of fighting in towns even to the east of Mazar Speculation as to what moti-

vated General Malik, would-he architect of General Dostum's doom, is rife. Although his father, like General Dostum is an Uzbek, his mother is a Pashtun. the same ethnic minority as the Taliban, General Malik initially said his defection was for the sake of "national unity" and accused General Dostum of being a "bad muslim" and the main obstacle to peace; but such sentiments are suspiciously close to the official Taliban line to be given much credence.

He may simply have been bought - this has been one of the Taliban's most successful tactics in their 18 months advance across the country. Last year, one commander (who remains loval to Dostum) was of fered \$1 im (£7m) to capitulate.

Still another theory is that General Malik is fighting a hlood feud in the classic Afghan style. His family used to be headed by his brother, Rasool nence as General Dostum's deputy. Last June, Mr Rasool was mysteriously assassinated by last September, the Taliban his bodyguard - on the orders, some say, of General Dostum himself. Mr Rasool was, some tum has implications for the whole of central Asia. Mazar's for his boots. If the story is true, population is already to swollen then General Malik has wreak



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west across Chechuya and on through southern Russia to the Black Sea port of Novorossisk. The Russians have pledged that the pipeline will be ready by October, even though the Chechen section is full of leaks.

The second runs 550 miles west across Georgia to a terminal to be huilt near Supsa. This is not expected to be ready until the end of next year.

At stake is a much larger issue - the path of the main export pipeline that will eventually be built to carry a large share of the Azeri oil, 500,000 barrels a day, to the market place in some eight years.

Next month the AIOC will present Mr Aliyev with a feasi-ty study outlining three main options. Up to two years of research and costing will follow. in which all the argumeots about funding, pipeline security, and politics will be aired. The ultimate decision rests with Presideot Aliyev, but he will be under pressure from all sides. One of the report's options



a pipelioe running west through Georgia and south to the Turkish Mediterranean port of Ceyhan. It has strong US support, because it would keep the oil out of Moscow's reach. The

Russians favour a second option: a pipe along the same path as their existing Novorossisk route. "There's a Russian saying," said Fikret Aliyev, general director of Lukoil in Baku.

"Where there is one path, another will follow." A third option, the shortest and cheapest. is another pipe to Supsa. But Georgia, though leaning Westwards, has Russian troops on its

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with which Azerbaijan is still locked in conflict over Nagomo-Karabakh. Western and Turkish pressure for a pipeline to Ceyhan - perhaps a spur, running south from Georgia - seems likely to prevail. Politics, not economics, seems certain to be the decisive factor; the Cevhan route is by far the longest, some 1,040 miles, and runs across difficult terrain. It is

therefore also the most costly.

As they jockey for position, all the region's players have resorted to using their elbows.
President Bill Clinton has been cosying up to Mr Aliyev, chatting with him by phone, and inviting him to visit to Washington. Turkey is trying to tilt the balance its way by complaining of the environmental perils of sending more oil tankers from the Black Sea ports through the Bosphorus, Azerbañan believes Iran is muddying the waters by funding new mosques in the countryside in a bid to spread Islamic fundamentalism. Despite a three-year ceasefire,

there has been a flurry of fighting along the Azerbaijan-Armenian horder, which runs close to the Georgian route.

The murkiest role of all has been played by Russia. Moscow's strategy has been cootradictory. The Russian oil company Lukoil appears willing to work in harness with Azerbaijan and other foreign oil companies in the hope that cooperation will lead to profits all round. Moreover, the newly energised Yeltsin government is showing signs of supporting

Yet champing at the bit is an uncompromising and aggressive element that has yet to come to terms with Russia's loss of imperial status, clings to the notion that Moscow can dictate policy in the Caucasus and beyond, and is particularly sickened by the spectacle of an ascendant Azerbaijan, enriched by oil that the Soviet Union failed to exploit.

"In Russia, there are some very powerful circles strongly connected to the arms lobby, whose ideology is that Russian



geopolitical interests dictate the expulsion of the Western economic presence in the Caspian and the Caucasus, said Vafa Goulizade, adviser to Mr Aliyev. Azerbaijan is willing to work with Moscow, he said, so long as Russia stops making mischief. "We want to co-operate with them, but with full respect to our independence and sovereignty ... they must understand that they will never again be a totalitarian superpower." Will Russia be able to resist it? Moscow's past performance is scarcely promising.

It is strongly suspected of having a hand in two failed coups against Mr Aliyev, and of masterminding the 1995 assassinatioo attempt against his ally in neighbouring Georgia, Eduard Shevardnadze. Azerbaijan's security services accuse Russia of training Armenian troops in southern Russia; there are reports of non-Russian ships being harassed in the Black Sea,

apparently as part of a strate-gy to undermine the argument for a pipeline through Georgia.

At the top of Moscow's rap sheet is a piece of skulduggery that it now admits - the gift of \$1bn of arms to Baku's enemies in Armenia in a breathtakingly cynical attempt to prolong divisions in the southern Caucasus. The government has handed the file over to the prosecutor, after characterising the weapons transfer, in 1994-96, as the act of renegade military officers, notably the disgraced former defence minister Pavel Grachev. Yet suspicions abound in Baku that it was official policy, which has since been abandoned. At the moment, as the pipe-laying barge glides across the Caspian, peace prevails. How long that will last is anyone's guess.

With so much at stake, from money to history itself, the Great Game seems certain to go

## Cyclone kills hundreds in coastal areas of Bangladesh

Anis Ahmed

Dhaka — Hundreds of people were reported dead yesterday in

a cyclooe that hattered coastal areas of Bangladesh and triggered a nationwide disaster

The Bangladeshi Prime Min-ister, Sheikh Hasina, said while on a visit to the affected areas: "We are oot appealing for in-ternational help but of course will welcome [it] if anyone offers to assist."

This low-lying oatioo, al-ready oo a virtual flood war footing", launched a massive rescue and relief operation in areas devastated by high winds and tidal seas on Monday.

Many stricken villages remained isolated, so official fig-ures were incomplete, with the early confirmed death toll put at 95. But local newspapers said the cyclooe, roaring in from the Bay of Bengal, had killed hundreds and damaged crops near harvest time.

The government-run Bangladesh Times said up to 500 people were feared dead. Other newspapers, quoting their own sources, put the death toll at more than 350, with more than 2,000 people injured in Chittagong alone. Some 250 others had been

killed in Cox's Bazar, one of the areas worst hit by the cyclone, the newspapers said. About 100 fishermen from

the coastal district of Patuakhali were missing at sea, newspaper reporters in Chittagong said. The known death toll so far was 95, government officials said: 50 in the city of Chittagong and a total of 45 at Bashkhali, Maheshkhali and Cox's Bazar. The official figure for in-

juries rose to "thousands", the Cyclone Preparedness Centre in Chittagong stated. Earlier, it had claimed that more than 100 were injured. Army, naval and police units joined thousands of volunteers fanning out across coastal regions in south-east Bangladesh. The cyclone ravaged Chittagong, the Cox's Bazar and Tenkaf districts and several islands on Monday with 124mph winds.
The Prime Minister said she

was happy over the way her government had handled the crisis. The death toll has been fewer than feared. Rescue and relief operations are continuing

trymen and women that there would be oo dearth of help in the wake of the disaster.

Foreign aid agencies, including Care International and Oxfam, said they had yet to receive full reports from places battered by the cyclone, which tapered off by midnight on Monday. "Most of the disaster-hit areas have not been accessed yet. It's very difficult to get a clear picture im-mediately," one official said.

Disaster management officials said the death toll was "much lower than feared" because the the cyclone struck the coastline during low tide. "Otherwise the tidal surge could be much higher and might have swept over many low-lying is-lands," one official said.

Bangladesh's worst recorded cyclone, in 1991, killed at least 138,000 people and left millions

A oavy vessel with relief supplies was sailing to Saint Martin's island, which was inundated by a six-foot tidal surge. Army helicopters were dropping supplies elsewhere. Officials in Chittagong said

power cuts since Monday had

**←** The disaster areas have not been assessed. It is difficult to get a clear picture 9

forced hundreds of water pumps to stop working, causing a severe shortage of drinking

water. They said oearly 400,000 houses had been damaged and 15,000 cattle killed. More than 1.5 million people were made homeless or affected otherwise, officials said on Tuesday.

Chittagong harbour had suffered substantial damage, port officials said without giving details. The Panamanian-flagged ship Esco Argo, which sent an SOS message during the cyclone saying it was sinking in the Bay of Bengal, was safe, the ship's local agents, Progoti Shipping Limited, said. "We feel the SOS was issued in advance amid an unpredictable situation," the agents added.

Agriculture officials said there had been some damage to smoothly," Ms Hasina said. rice crops but shrimp cultivation. She earlier assured her counwas more seriously affected.



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## Dr Alan McGlashan

Alan McGlashan was a prominent psychiatrist and eclectic psychoanalyst, who continued to practise in his Sloane Street office until just days hefore his death in his 99th year.

Though an eclectic in terms of the tools of his trade, he was particularly taken by the ideas of Carl Gustav Jung and he travelled to Zurich for consultations with him on several occasions in the late 1930s, and in 1979 abridged a version of Jung's published correspondence with Sigmund Freud (The Freud)

Jung Letters).
In the preface to that book, McGlashan typically adopts a new and unusual attitude toward the dispute that ended the relationship between the two great pioneers of depth psychology. As so often, his view is fresh, dynamic and unexpected:

Apart from its intrinsic interest, the story as it unfolds in the letters has also the structure of a paradigm: a classic instance of the love-hate reclassic instance of the love-take re-lationship acted out in countless homes between gifted sons and gift-ed fathers. The Freud-Jung split has been usually regarded as a great tragedy. But the point is arguable. It is possible to see it as a painful but highly fortunate execut

highly fortunate eveol.
This type of "father-son" clash is one which is ant to call out the negative side of both contestants, alternating with exhausting efforts to reach mutual understanding. It was precisely their breaking with each other that put a stop to all this, and gave room for the eventual full flowering of personality and achievement in both men. If the break had not oc-curred, the conductal adjustments each was constratoed to make in orso preserve the relationship, might so preserve the relationship, might have resulted in a still greater tragedy. It might have robbed the world of two magnificent and highly individualistic contributions to the understanding of the human

McGlashan was the son of a general practitioner of Scottish origin who had a passion for the sea; he was drowned during the Second World War when the Domala, on which he was serving as ship's surgeon – after lying about his age - was bombed. Alan was educated at Epsom College before entering the RFC (later the RAF) at a tender age during the First World War, and flying many perilous missions, including two aerial encounters with the "Red

Baron", the German ace Baron von Richthofen. McGlasban was awarded the MC and the Croix de Guerre avec Palmes, and was frequently mentioned in dispatches.

After the war he attended Clare College, Cambridge, then followed his father into the medical profession, training at St George's Hospital in Loudon, and taking his psychiatric and analytic training at the Maud-sley Hospital and the Tavistock Clinic respectively. He served as a country doctor in Surrey until 1937, switching to psychiatry only in 1939, which he continued to practise for another 58

While still studying to he a doctor he had stints as a dramatic critic on the Observer and News Chronicle (in 1923-24), and was a ship's surgeon on a tramp steamer (1924-25). During the Second World War be served as a consulting psy-chiatrist on the War Office Selection Board.

Alan McGlashan was a serious philosopher, and exchanged ideas - and friendships - with some of the leading thinkers of his day, among them Arthur Koestler and J.B. Priestley. He was close friends with the writer-explorer Sir Laurens van der Post and his wife Ingaret Giffard, and wrote his tast essay, "How to be Haveable", for a forthcoming Festschrift for van der Post - The Rock Rabbit and the Rainbow: Laurens van der Post among friends (1997).

McGlasban's best-known

book is The Savage and Beautiful Country; the secret life of the mind (1966). In it he gives own speculative philosophy of life, beautifully crafted - jargon was anathema to him. As one reviewer stated, "it cuts across many intellectual categories: theology, philosophy, mythology, science and anthropology, psy-chology and many others... It was a so-called "underground classic", particularly in the United States, and was revised and republished in 1988. A new and expanded edition of Grav-

ity and Levity: the philosophy of pandox (1976) appeared in 1994. But McGlashan's greatest fascination was with the phenomenon of time, and in this rephilosopher. The subject was addressed at length in hoth of his last books, and it continued lo be at the centre of his interest to the end. In The Savage and Beautiful Country he writes:

The quality in Time which most deeply of all offends man's impatient spirit is not its swiftness but the mad-dening uniformity of its progress, mo-ment following moment, tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, while man looks helplessly on, unable to hasten or hinder. No other single fact in all enistence is so crushing to human ambition, so openly contemptuous of human values.

In a nutshell, he saw our usual understanding of time as being either linear, cyclical or eternal, the larier being what he referred to as the "pure present".

It is no surprise that this deep and lifelong concern of his, relentlessly researched, experienced and reflected, led to another original McGlashan attitude:

It would seem reasonable to consider the impertinent suggestion that time itself has a fourth dimension, bitherto disregarded, whose task it is to de cide what quality of attention we should give to each of these three accepted dimensions of time . . .

Though he lived his last years, with the help of his wife Sasha, in what might be called creative introversion, seemingly in this fourth dimension, McGlashan was anything but a sage in his ivory tower. He loved and was passionately concerned with the state of the world, and where it is heading; this was the driving force in his analytic work and his writing. He gives an account of his approach to the world in his foreword to The Savage and Beautiful Country: This book is concerned with al-

temping to reswaken the pristine hu-man power of regarding the phenomena of the external world in certain way: in such a way that they begin to grow translucent and to re-veal something of the mystery that sustains them.

In illo tempore, once upon a time, we were able to do this. The earliest we were able to do this. The earnest myths and legends, which express man's first magnificent leap towards meaning, are all alight with this qual-ity of translucency. Now also, we know better. But although the archaic vi-sion of life has been drives out of con-temporary consciousness into the shadows, into a colwebbed corner of



cGlashan: a view that is fresh, dynamic and unexpected

vision embodies, despite all its limi-tations and absurdities, a valid aspect of life's meaning which may be devalued or simply forgotten, but can never be completely cancelled. McGlashan had written po-

etry since his boyhood and in 1931 published St George and the Dragon, a book of early poems. In the course of his long life he was a prolific writer of articles (many on the dreaming mind) for the Lancet, the Observer, the Times (presciently, on the personal factor in healing"), the Listener, Parabola and others (he contributed an essay, "Le sex et nous" lo Suicide of a Nation, 1963, edited by Arthur Koestler), and giver of lectures in the UK and United States. In the Sixties he wrote a popular series of booklets on such subjects as "Stress" and "Dreams and Dreamers". He was an avid glider pilot (holding certificate no 28, issued in 1930) and hot-air balloonist, and enjoyed playing tennis until well into his eighties. He was

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BBC broadcasts on the subjects

the human mind, it lives oo there with spiderish tenselty. For the archaic He took meticulous care in preparing himself for every analytic session - like a sacred ritual - so as to be open, receptive and alert for whatever might arise. This always struck me as being not unlike the purification rites that were practised in the ancient Greek Aesculapian temples of healing at Epidauros: hefore the possibility of healing could even be considered, one bad first to prepare oneself totally to receive it; no

> shortcuts, no preconceptions. His practice was known for drawing a wide range of clientele from the rich and famous to the very ordinary: all of them. facing life's vicissitudes with varying degrees of success, were fortunate to have had in Alan McGlashan a true ally of

> > Robert Hinshaw

Alan Fleming McGlashan, psy-chiatrist and writer. born Bedworth, Nottinghamshire 20 October 1898; married 1934 Robin Cameron-Smith (died 1975), 1979 Sasha Baldi; died London 6 May 1997.

## Professor F. W. J. Hemmings

century French literature.

His extraordinary record of scholarly achievements, spanning a career of 45 years of publication, represents the very best of traditional British literary criticism, largely impervious to more recent theoretical constructs but ever informed by daring insights and bold incursions into new areas of enquiry. His seminal studies of Emile Zola and his works, for which he is best known, have gained him a lasting international reputation and have inspired generations of critics in the Englishspeaking world to turn their attention to a major writer whose novels were universally admired by the reading public but large-ly ignored by the academic Frederick William John

Hemmings was born in Southampton in 1920, and went to Taunton School, where his father was headmaster. After completing a first degree in languages at Exeter College, Oxford in 1941, he did war service decrypting German codes in the Army Intelligence Corps. In 1946 he returned to academic life in Oxford, completing his DPhil in 1949, a groundbreaking study that was published the following year by Oxford University Press, The Russian Novel in France 1884-1914. He had secured in 1948 an assistant lectureship at the University College of Leicester, where, with remarkable loyalty, he remained for almost 40 years until his complete retirement in . 1985. He had been the first appointee to a personal chair at Leicester University in 1963. By then be had already made his mark as a pioneer of Zola studies and as the foremost Zola critic in the English-

speaking world. Along with eminent co-researchers such as Guy Robert and Henri Mitterrand in France and Elliot M. Grant. Robert J. Niess and Philip Walker in the United States, he gave rise to an extraordinary groundswell of interest in the career and works of the author of Germinal, firmly and irretrievably establishing. the novelist's status, which only the most grudging and die-hard literary aesthetes might still

deny, as a leading literary figure. He edited Zola's art criticism, charted the genesis of much of his fiction, explored his career as a journalist and literary crit-

F. W. J. Hemmings has left a rich ic, revealing, as never before, the legacy of criticism on 19th-ich complexity and significance of the novelist's multiple achievements. His biographical and critical study Emile Zola (1953), of which he produced a thoroughly revised edition in 1966, is arguably the most influential book on Zola ever written and undoubtedly the most cited authority on the writer'a life and works, though inexplicably never translated into French. It remains the standard English study on the creator of the Rougon-Macquart novels

and author of "Juccuse".
The 1960s were remarkably fruitful years. Few days could bave gone by without Hemmings's applying to the letter Balzac's and Zola's motto: Nulla dies sine linea. Stendhal joined Zola as a major preoccupation, leading to an extraordinary series of parallel studies in the most prestigious journals, to a further classic work. Stendhal: a study of his novels (1964), with a volume entitled Balzac: an interpretation of "La Comédie humaine" (1967) for good measure. This latter work grewout of seminars presented during a year as Visiting Professor at Yale University and a lecture tour of major

North American universities. The framework of Hemmings's criticism during this period was hiographical, but the central focus remained the writer's works, to which he applied sagacious powers of interpretation unimpeded by elaborate theorising and bol-stered by a wealth of unobtrusive erudition. During these years he still found time to produce regular reviews of recent British fiction for the New Statesman (in 1964-66) and the Listener (1968-70).

Further studies on Zola and Stendhal unfailingly appeared in later years, as did books on



two other major 19th-century French writers: The King of Romance: a portrait of Alexandre Dumas (1979) and Baudelaire the Damned (1982). But the publication of The Age of Realism (1974), and, in particular, of Culture and Society in France. 1848-1898 (1971) - followed in 1987 by a companion volume for the earlier period, 1789-1848 - marked a considerable broadening of the scope of Hemmings's scholarship and a new direction in his research as his interest shifted to the social. political, intellectual and cultural history of the whole 19th century.

This project of Balzacian and Zolaesque proportions was realised all the more remarkably during a busy nine-year term of office as head of the French department at Leicester University. Then, far from resting on, his laurels, he devoted himsel with renewed vigour in early retirement to a further major task and another new venture. nothing less than a history of the French theatre from the latter half of the 18th century to the eve of the First World War, delineating the world of the French theatre on-stage, offstage, back-stage, in all its aspects and in its evolving trends as text, performance, staging, commercial venture. Two volumes of this huge enterprise - The Theatre Industry in Nineteenth-Century France (1993) and Theatre and State in France, 1760-1905 - had already appeared when, tragical-ly, his failing health prevented

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him from completing a third. John Hemmings was and will continue to be for all who knew him a lasting source of inspiration, not only for his monumental achievements, for his erudition transmitted in the most elegant and lucid of styles and for his exemplary sense of commitment to his research, but for his total intellectual honesty his total lack of pretentiousness and his unfailing readiness to share his knowledge, his enthusiasm and his interests with students, colleagues and

friends.

David Bagnley Frederick William John Hemmings, literary scholar and critic: born Southampton 13 December 1920; Professor of French Literature, Leicester University 1963-85; twice married (one son, one daughter); died Leicester 9 May 1997.

#### **Hugh Lawson**

Hugh Lawson was elected as Common Wealth MP for Skipton at a celebrated by-election in January 1944, sensationally overturning a safe Conservative

majority.

He had been deeply influenced by the speeches of Sir Richard Acland and his Forward March movement, which in 1942 merged with J.B. Priestley's 1941 Committee to form the Common Wealth Party. This was a socialist group believing in the principles of common ownership of land and major industrial resources, proportional representation, devolution, social security, honesty in politics and world unity. The Common Wealth Party was opposed to the wartime electoral truce between the Labour, Liberal and Conservative parties who had agreed not to fight the sitting party at by-elections. Common Wealth thought that

this denied the people an opportunity to express their views at the ballot hox and in 1943 Lawson returned to Britain from Gibraltar, where he was serving in the Royal Engineers, in order to stand for Parliament.

During his time as an MP Lawson supported the introduction of Child Benefit and was instrumental in ensuring that it was paid direct to the mother for the benefit of the child, so that it was not merely pocketed by the father. He introduced the idea of weekly "surgeries" where local people could bring their problems direct to their MP.

Lawson was born in 1912 in Leeds. He moved to West Bridgford, Nottingham, in 1915 when his father, a pharmaceutical chemist and general manager of Daisy Pharmaceuticals, was headhunted by Sir Jesse Boot, founder of Boot's Pure

caster, 53; Dr John Armitage, Prin-



Lawson: Common Wealth

Drug Co. The family all became active members of the Methodist church in West Bridgford.

Hugh was educated at Notungham High School and Nottingham University (then University College, Nottingham, awarding external degrees from London University). He obtained a BSc in Civil Engineering in 1932 and was articled to the Borough Water Engineer in Preston for a twoyear apprenticeship. He held appointments first in Daventry and then Bromley, Kent, as an assistant engineer, before joining the Nottingham City Engineers Department in 1937, the same year he married Dorothy Mallinson, daughter of a Methodist minister. When war broke out Lawson

immediately volunteered for service in the Royal Engineers. He spent three years in Gibraltar working on the construction of defences on the rock.

From the time they were married, Hugh and Dorothy Lawson worked for peace among the nations and were supporters of the League of Nations. Lawson's strong socialist principles were well aired even

in Gibraltar where he served as "Prime Minister" of a mock During this time he was reparliament run by the Garrison Literary and Debating Society which drafted several revolutionary socialist bills. In the 1945 general election.

Lawson stood down as the member for Skipton because the party had pledged not to oppose the Lahour candidate there. He stood unsuccessfully as Common Wealth candidate for Harrow West, but soon afterwards the party broke up and Lawson rejoined the Labour Party. He subsequently stood, unsuccessfully, as Lahour candidate for the Nottingham Rushcliffe division at the 1950 election and for King's Lynn in

Returning to Nottingham City Engineers Department af-ter the war, in 1948 he was appointed Deputy City Engineer and Surveyor of Nottingham, a

post which he held for 25 years. sponsible for the city's development plan and for its primary highway plan.

One scheme dear to his heart was an early example of ecological thinking the construc-tion in the 1970s of a refuse incineration plant supplying steam which generated enough electricity to run the plant, and utilised waste heat in a district heating scheme for nearby housing and shopping centres. He was a council member and district chairman of both the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Municipal Engineers.

When local government was reorganised in 1973, Lawson was appointed Director of Leisure Services for Nottingham. This allowed him to comhine his lifetime interests in the theatre, concerts, museums, lo-

cal history, historic buildings and the countryside with his planning skills. He finally retired in 1976 after nearly 40 years with Nottingham City Council. For many years Lawson and

his wife were active members of

the Methodist Church and among other activities he served on the Board of Social Responsibility of the Methodist Church and was chairman of its Standing Committee on Pol-ities and Economies for 15 years. However, in later life. they both felt drawn towards the Quakers and joined the Religious Society of Friends. Here Lawson continued to be

an active member serving on many committees. His ecumenical beliefs were expressed through his work for the Nottingham Council of Churches and the Nottingham Committee of the Council of Christians

Dorothy died in 1982 and in 1988 Lawson married another Ouaker, Eva Koch, Together they found what they referred to as an "unexpected and unsought love" late in life and spent two happy years together before Eva's death in 1991. Hugh Lawson planted a wood in their memory - the "Two Wives Plantation" - at Newstead Ahhey.

> Richard Lawson and Doug Lawson

Hugh McDowall Lawson, engineer and politician: born Leeds 13 February 1912; MP (Common Wealth) for Skipton 1944-45; Deputy City Engineer, Nottingham 1948-73; Director of Leisure Services, Nottingham City Coun-cil 1973-76; married 1937 Dorothy Mallinson (died 1982; two sons), 1988 Eva Koch (we Holde, died 1991); died Nottingham 23 March 1997.

#### Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

BEARD: Margaret (Cara) of Cobham, Surrey, beloved wife of her late hus-band Harold, kwing mother of Peter and David, and a doting grandmoth-er. Peacefully at home after a long ill-ness on 16 May. All friends of Cara are welcome to the funeral to be held at Randalls Park Crematorium. Leatherhead on Saturday 24 May at Ham. Family flowers only, but do-nations in lieu to the Primeess Alice Hospice, Esher, Go James & Thomas Ltd F/D, Mill Road, Cobham KT11

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#### Birthdays Mr Geoffrey Archer, television news-

cipal. College of St Hild and St Bede, Durham. 65: Mr Michael Crick. Ielevision journalist, 39; Baron Guy de Rothschild, banker, 88; Mr Malcolm Fraser, former prime minister of Australia, 67; Mr William Hutton, Editor, the Observer, 47; Mr Paul Keetch MP, 36; Mr Terry Lightfoot, bandleader and jazz musician, 62; Mr Denis MacShane MP, 49; Mr Leonard Manassch, architect, 81; Dr Leonard Mullins, former Director of Research, Malaysian Rubber Producers' Research Association, 79; Mr portunities, Social Services Department. Notts County Council, 6t; Mr Andrew Neil, Editor, the European, 48; Miss Rosalind Plowright, so-prano, 48; Mr Harold Rohbins, novelist, 81; Mrs Mary Robinson. president of the Irish Republic. 53; Mr Leo Saver, singer. 49; Professor Sir David Smith. President, Wolfson College, Oxford, 67: Mr Roben Welch, designer and silversmith, 68: Professor Stanley Wells, Shake-spearean scholar, 67; Mr Desmond Wilcox, radio and television presenter, 66; The Right Rev Mark Wood. former Bishop of Ludlow, 78

Anniversaries Births: Albrecht Dürer, painter and eograver, 1471; Alexander Pope, poet and satirist, 1688; Elizabeth Fry (Gurney), philanthropist and prisoo reformer, 1780; Thomas Wright (Fats) Waller, songwriter and pianist, 1904; Raymond William Stacy Burr, film actor, 1917. Deaths: James Graham, first Marquess of Montrose, Scottish royalist, executed 1050; Christopher Smart, poet, 1771; Kenneth Mackenzie Clark, Baron Clark, art historian, 1983. On this day: concavallo's opera I Pagliacci was first performed. Milan 1892; Summer Time (dayligh) saving) was begun in Britain, 1916, Today is the Feast Day

of St Andrew Bobola, St Godfric and St Theophilus of Carte.

#### Lectures

National Gallery: Christopher Provin, "Seldom Seen (3): Van Dyde:
Abbé Scaglia", tpm: David Bomford
(Slade Lecture), "Supporting Roles:
episodes from a history of conservatioo", 6.30pm. Victoria and Albert Museum:

Richard Dunn, "British Clock-making", 2.30pm. British Museum: Marjorie Caygill, "A.W. Franks: second founder of the British Museum", t.15pm.

Waddesdon Manor, Buckingham-shire: Ulrich Leben, "The Decorated Wall: French 18th-century panelling at Waddesdon", 11am-4.30pm.

#### Dinners

Lord High Commissioner

The Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, and Lady Macfarlane, were the bosts at a dinner yesterday at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinhurgh. Among the guests were:

The Rev Alexander McDonald, Moderator of the General Assembly, and Mrs McDonald, Mr Gordon Nichobon, Sheriff Principal of Lethian and Borders, and Mrs Nicholson, The

Lothian and Berdere, and Mrs Nicholisot, The Earl and Countess of Crawford and Balcarres; Lord Lyell; Sir Malcohn Innes of Edingigh! Lord Lyon King of Arms, and Lady 
lunes; Sir Ronald and Lady Garrack; Mr Colin Boyd OC. Solicitor General for Scotland, 
and Mrs Bryd.

Mr Richard Grant, High Commissioner for 
New Zealand, and Mrs Grant; Mr and Mrs 
James Miller, Professor and Mrs John Arbuthnett; Mr and Mrs Michael Balfour; Mr 
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Mrs David Chisholm; Mr area Mrs Alan Drstable, Lothian and Borders, and Mrs Cameron: De and Mrs M.J. Carry, Li-Col and Mrs David Chisholm; Mr and Mrs Alan De-verence Mr and Mrs Harry Donaldson, Mr and Mrs Robin Easton; Mr and Mrs Ene Hagman; Air Commodore Lick Hames, Air Officer Scot-land and Northern Ireland, and Mrs Hames; Maj-Gen Jouathan Half. General Officer Commanding Scotland, and Mrs Holl. Mr and Mrs David Halledy; Mr and Mrs S Hamillow. The Rev. and Mrs Cycles Meri.

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The Treasurer of the Honourable Seciety of Gray's Inn. His Honour Judge Esyr Lewis QC, and the Masters of the Bench were bosts vesterday at a dinner in Hall for Grand Day of the Easter Term. The guests were: Mr J.Y. Pilay (High Counsisson for the Republic of Singapores; Lord Nicholls of Belsenbead (Treasurer of the Middle Temple);
Dame Angela Runtheld: Mr Donald Sunden;
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#### Fr Michael Hollings Centre concert

A concert io aid of the Father Michael Hollings Centre will be held at St Mary of the Angels' Church Moorhouse Road, London W2, on Sunday 25 May, at 3.30pm. The centre, to assist the very poor, has been founded in memory of the Rev Michael Hollings, who died in February. Tickets for the concert. which will feature Leon McCawley, Joji Hattori and George-Emmanuel Lazaridis among the instrumentalists. and the singers Susan Patterson, Willard White and Sarah Fox, may be chained from First Call, 0171-420 0000, from "Father Michael Coocen", Vinccol House, Pembridge Square, London W2 4EG, or at the door on the day from 2pm.

## Access to police computer was authorised

Bignell; Queen's Beach Divisional Court (Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Astill) 16 May 1997

Police officers who accessed the Police National Computer at an authorised level, but for an unauthorised purpose, were not guilty of securing unauthorised access contrary to section 1 of the Computer Misuse Act 1990.

The Divisional Court dismisted the appeal by way of case stated by the Director Public Prosecutions against the Crown Court's decision, alkwing the respondent's appeals against conviction by a stipendiary magistrate of offences contrary to section 1 of the Computer Misuse Act 1990.

The respondents were serving officers in the Metropolitan Police. They had instructed police computer operators to extract from the Police National Computer details of the registration and ownership of two motor cars, for private

purposes. Michael Bowes (CPS) for the Director of Public Prosecutions; Peter Doyle (Russell Jones & Walker) for the respondents.

Mr Justice Astill said that the question for the court was whether the Crown Court had been right to conclude that the primary purpose of the Computer Misuse Act 1990 was to protect the integrity of com- Access to the computer for a

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puter systems rather than the non-police purpose involved the integity of information giving a false Reason Code in the integity of information stored on computers, even though that might leave n lacuna in the law; and that a person who secured access to any material held in a computer at a level at which he was entitled an unauthorised purpose. to access, but for unauthorised purposes, did not commit

an offence under section I. The appellaot had contended that access to the Police National Computer by a police officer for a non-police purpose was unauthorised. A police officer's authority to secure access to the computer had been limited or restricted to access for police purposes by the Com-missioner of Police, who was

entitled to control access. The respondents submitted that they were authorised to cootrol access to the computer. Controlling access was different from defining or restricting authority to access. The Computer Misuse Act 1990 was concerned with the unauthorised access to computer material, not with unauthorised access to computer material for an unauthorised

purpose. The use of the National Police Computer by officers was subject to directions given by the Commissioner of Police.

contravention of instructions. The respondents submitted that that was not securing unauthorised access to the computer, but was securing access at an authorised level for

They further submitted that section 5(2)(h) of the Data Protection Act 1984 made adequate provision for the prosccution of police officers who used the computer for nonpolice purposes: see R 1 Brown (Law Report, 13 February 1996) [1996] 1 All ER 545.

The starting point was to consider the purpose of the 1990 Act. It was common ground that it had been enacted to criminalise the breaking into or "hacking" of computer systems. It was also common ground that the Data Protection Act 1984 had been enacted with the purpose of criminalising the improper use

of data. Regard must be had to the wording of section 17(5) of the 1990 Act. Access was stated to be unauthorised if:

(a) a person is not himself entitled Io control access of the kind in ques-tico to the program or data; and (b) he does not have consent to access by him of the kind in question to the program or data from any person who is so emitted".

was set out in section 17(2)(a)

The respondents did have authority to secure access by reference to section 17(2)(c) and (d) at least. They therefore had authority to access the data even though they did it for an unauthorised purpose, and thus did not commit an offence contrary to section 1 of the Act.

The authority of the Com-

missioner was not thereby

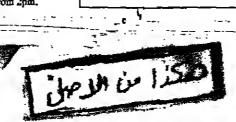
undermined, because the respondents remained subject to internal discipline. They could also have been prosecuted under the Data Protection Act If, as the appellant had submitted, the Commissioner alone had control access, the consent given by him to the respondents to access the computer at the point of entry for

any of the kinds of access set out in section 17(2) provided them with a defence by virtue of section 17(5)(b) even if the access was for an unlawful purpose. The Crown Court had, accordingly, been right to conclude that the primary purpose of the Computer Misuse Act 1990 was to protect the integrity of computer systems rather than programmes or data, but there was no lacuna in the law

the Data Protection Act 1984. Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

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# Ince, An Africa reborn as another dictatorship dies when the strict in other words, may be less vicious than it once was. Nor is that necessarily a Panglossian a competitive economy in the same believe words. Nor is that necessarily a Panglossian a competitive economy in the same believe words. Nor is that necessarily a Panglossian a competitive economy in the same believe words. Nor is that necessarily a Panglossian a competitive economy in the same believe words. Nor is that necessarily a Panglossian a competitive economy in the same believe words. Nor is that necessarily a Panglossian a competitive economy in the same believe words.

Kabila arrives in Kinshasa Three decades after the end of the colonial era, the legacy has seemed bitter and poisoned.

After the great wave of independence, one-party socialist regimes promised a utopia which never arrived in much of the continent, while capitalist-friendly dictators ruled and plundered the rest. The Cold War was fought by proxy between the allies of Washington and Moscow - sometimes just with money, sometimes with guns. The continent was marked by famine, corruption, and chaos. In the past three years, there has been bloodshed on an unimaginable scale, where the world looked on in apparent helplessness. Nigeria, Sudan, Angola, Rwanda, Burundi, Sierra Leone, Liberia. Mozambique ... all have been scarred by civil war, and the misery of millions that it causes.

Not, then, a time for much optimism about the continent. And yet, President Nelson Mandela chose this week to speak of an African renaissance. He was, he said, "convinced that our region and our continent have set out along the new road of lasting peace, democracy, social and economic development".

Dream on, many might say - with some considerable justice. But it would be dangerous to dismiss this as the mere wishful thinking of an old man.

In helping to bring an almost-peace-ful end to the conflict in Zaire, nudging

after the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa in ful end to the conflict in Zaire, nudging be dangerous to dismiss this as the

Tony Blair's predecessor-but-one in Downing Street argued that anybody who believed that the ANC would soon become the government of South Africa was "living in cloud-cuckoo-land".

One appareot boost for Mr Mandela's optimism was the collapse of the Mobutu regime in Zaire. Yet this was far from a Wenceslas Square-style velvet revolutinn; nor was it the almost equally velvet revolution that brought about the final downfall of the apartheid regime, and brought Mr Mandela to power. Mr Kahila's victory was a victory with guns - and, in that sense, a bad setter of precedents. Mr Kabila himself has yet to prove his democratic credentials. The chances of his turning out to be a gentle and tolerant president à la Mandela do not look good, at least on past form.

So Mr Mandela's optimism must be hedged round, again and again. As he himself acknowledged: "It is given that complex problems spanning decades will not lend themselves to easy solutions." But he also insisted: "The time has come for Africa to take full responsibility for her woes, use the immense collective wisdom it possesses to make a reality of the ideal of the African

renaissance whose time has come."



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the dictator Mobutu towards the exit door, Mr Mandela has played the statesmanlike role to which we have become accustomed. He was the host for final talks between Mr Kabila and the dictator himself. Despite South Africa's hope that it would be perceived as the peacemaker of the continent, South Africa's real contribution to peace in Zaire has been only modest.

Elsewhere, where South Africa has sought to intervene - for example, in criticising the Nigerian government and pressing for Commonwealth sanctions,

other countries have become worried at the perceived lack of solidarity. With leaders like Daniel arap Moi still in power in Kenya, where the opposition is constantly harassed, there is little obvious reason to feel that the virus of democracy is irresistible. Tribal conflicts are still ever-present. There is grinding poverty across the continent.

Mr Mandela lays the long-term hlame for Africa's problems fair and square on the Western colonial powers, "the forces historically responsible for her woes". But he also insists that Africa is now in a position to refuse to be "a passive

flicts of the past few years is worse than depressing. But that may partly reflect the fact that tumultuous changes have happened, many of which are indubitably for the better. Western countries have come to accept that they helped to create many of the problems. Equally, the arguments have moved well beyond the point where the white colonial powers can still be blamed for every dot and

comma of what goes wrong.

The collapse of the apartheid regime was the most obviously heartwarming event in the region in recent years. The exit of Mobutu, destination unknown, is another reason to rejoice. One of the least predictable knock-on effects of the revolutions in Eastern Europe in 1989 was the collapse of a number of oneparty regimes in Africa, after popular protests. Despite the messmess, that legacy remains important. For these are not just political matters. Mobutu's presence hampered Zaire's economic, as much as its political, potential.

There was, perhaps, an irony that Mr Mandela's speech was delivered to the parliament in Zimbabwe, whose own leader, Robert Mugabe, is not best known for embodying democratic principles in all his activities. But Mr Mandela knows that economics and politics onlooker in a changing world". The go hand in hand. Speaking in a voice that

AND WHEN YOU WAKE UP YOU WILL IMPERSONATE A HEADLESS. CHICKEN SEARCHING FOR, NEW

In politics, bringing people to believe that something can be achieved is one of the first stages in finding a path over apparently insurmountable barriers. If there is even the smallest possibility that Mr Mandela may prod his fellow lead-ers around Africa into raising their aspirations, and cleaning up their acts, he should be heard, and applauded.

#### Parliament's sudden virtues

Yurious, isn't it? No sooner are their Oposteriors on the Opposition benches, than ex-ministers discover the virtues of Parliamentary government. Yesterday we heard vociferous complaint from Tories who never so much as cheeped during 18 years of their own party's supremacy. Gordon Brown was criticised for not appending a signature to Treasury pro forma replies and the Prime Minister accused of discourtesy for reorganising Question Time. We need to be on hypocrisy watch on both fronts. But Labour is unlikely to resist the temptations of its majority. It will be then that backbench MPs should come

Nurses who do

wash their hands Sir: Over the last three decades as a

nurse I have seen the number of registered nurses decrease to the

morale and low pay are just part of the story, along with the increase in workload and the practice of

employing more non-registered

care staff on wards for whom the

Now we are being blamed for the increase of MRSA and other

resulting from a survey of 19 hospitals in the UK and "studies"

in the US ("Nurses' dirty hands put patients at risk", 16 May).

these "nurses" and why it took three

years, and the introduction of infection control policies and

One wonders who was monitoring

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corrent 18,000 shortfall. Low

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

#### **Brutal plans** for energy conservation

Sir: Matthew Taylor (article, 19 May) wrote of Labour's commitment to the environment, "Tough action is needed." It

Government's Advisory Council for Energy Conservation (ACEC) soon learnt about political correctness and party dogma from the incoming administration. We were told to stop using the term, "energy conservation" and to speak of "energy efficiency". That soon became, "cost-effective energy efficiency" and, of course, even

This had much to do with the intection to privatise the fuel suppliers. How could the proceeds from the sales be maximised if markets were to be curtailed by "energy conservation" - selling less

Eighteen years on, the UK languishes at the bottom of the world league even in "energy efficiency", let alone in "conservation". British Gas's much-yaunted £15m-a-year spend on energy conservation quietly disappeared once the company had left the family silver cabinet. The electricity industry has its paltry £1per-customer-per-year SOP scheme and even most of the nonfossil fuel levy has been diverted into the technological triumphalism of nuclear power.

the fuel suppliers had to realise that environmental protection made in sell less energy tomorrow than they did today. The same could apply to the water industry. Mr Dobson is the only politician l have heard putting the matter so succinctly and, for the fuel profiteers, so brutally. Mr Blair needs to take the ideal aboard and quickly.
ROBERT JONES

Sir: Marcus Rand's letter (15 May) made some very strong statement concerning the benefits of solar power. Statements which are

solar array as £80,000. With a lifespan of 25 years, that is £3,200

issues, it is worth considering the environmental impact of massproduced solar cells. Mass production means lower costs, lower lifespans to sustain a market. and hence a greater use of some fossil-derived chemical "nasties" Greenpeace has and does campaign against. What happens at the end of the cells' life? Landfill? Recycling? Further, photo-voltaic arrays require batteries. Batteries are not exactly eco-friendly.

Our over-reliance on a small number of energy sources is much to hlame for our current problems. Becoming reliant on photo-voltaic cells will not eradicate environmental problems. It will

just create new ones. They do have a role to play in new large-scale building projects or the renovation of older large buildings, where the cost can be justified, but not the replacement of our existing fossil power supplies. The many technologies which need to be considered include bio-gas,

certainly is. In 1979 those of us serving on the

ACEC itself was soon sent packing.

A few years ago I heard Frank Dobson saying at a conference that would nnly be achieved if they were Chelmsford, Essex

dangerous to the credibility of the

environmental lobby. Your report (12 May), cited by Mr Rand, gave the cost of the new per annum. A large electricity bill Irrespective of the economic

alcohol abuse in the young. The drinks industry decided a

industry to make its drinks less to the young and one only appealing to older people is extremely difficult. No further

fuel cells, nffsbore wind turbines and the harnessing of novel energy attractiveness in the young. The Home Secretary should sources such as landfill gas CHARLES GULLON

Sir: A population policy for Britain has been debated a couple of times in the past, but quickly dropped. Now that the decline in our birds is official, global warming is official, and a water shortage is upon us, isn't it time to start this debate again? We are well above our carrying capacity, and it's showing.
JOSEPHINE HANSON Optimum Population Trust Taf Alaw, Dyfed

#### Raise the price of alcopops

Sir: You report (17 May) that the Home Secretary is seriously concerned about the sale of alcopops, and has ordered an inquiry into the subject. Exclusively targeting alcopops is fraught with problems and, in any case, is unlikely to be effective in reducing

couple nf years ago to increase sales by making its products more widely palatable and by giving them gimmicky names. It does not seem reasonable now to ask the drinks palatable. The distinction between a gimmicky name likely to appeal legislation or guidance is likely to be more than marginally helpful in this field and, indeed, the publicity that controversy over the marketing of alcopops has created

can only have increased their

realise that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has far more influence over the abuse of alcohol than he has. The level of alcohol abuse (drunkenness, alcohol-related deaths, illness and crime) is closely related to the total level of consumption. The amount young people drink is a close reflection of the consumption of the total population, though the young, and especially young women, are increasing their consumption more rapidly than the rest of us. Alcohol consumption is highly pricesensitive, and is especially so in the young. Current health education approaches in this field have only

ery modest effects. There is a need for other measures, including more effective education, tighter controls to prevent children buying alcohol for themselves and, especially, much better provision of leisure facilities. but fiscal policy is the single most effective way to deal with this problem. Raising taxes nn alcohol generally, but more on alcohol mixed with soft drinks and less on low-alcohol drinks, would inevitably bave an effect on the pattern of

consumption in the young. Some other European countries would not like a higher taxation approach, but this could be one of those areas in which the UK could give a lead.

Professor PHILIP GRAHAM Chạir National Children's Bureau London EC1

#### Society must learn to mourn

Sir: Andrew G Marshall's "perfect compromise" over the funeral of his partner has a lot to commend it ("In loving memory, with a rock backing", 19 May). As someone involved in the conducting of funerals I would be more than happy to find next-of-kin wanting to think over the event as well and as thoroughly as he does. He implies that Church of England funerals are not capable

grief processes of next-of-kin. This is not so. I strive (as I was taught) to produce a funeral service that helps people to grieve wholesomely. Among other things, this means giving thanks for the life of the person who has died. The service is indeed much more for those who

of being personal nr relevant to the

(and sometimes we will have to ask whether the deceased's wishes get in the way). I know many other clergy who strive to produce a good quality service which takes in the wishes of the family and which is flexible in the way that it responds to family needs. Our biggest difficulty in helping to do the best for families is that in this society, on the whole, we don't know how to mourn. So families and friends simply tend to

want the usual because they do not

live than for the one who has died

being more involved in "their" service. Until we address the issues

know, or fear, the alternative of

underlying our cultural denial of death, perhaps we won't be able to mourn well. Don't hlame the Church of England clergy for that denial; we are nnly too willing to help. The Rev ANDH BOWSHER Bradford

#### Young live with fear of violence

Sir: As a teenager of 19 who was brought up in London, I believe that the focus of Trevor Phillips's article on youth violence ("Britain's youth: armed and dangerous", 17 May) was misleading. In my experience, those young

men who are most likely to carry knives and other weapons are not those who go to school. What percentage of those who come from a problem background regularly attend school or college? The real problem is violence in the streets, in pubs and clubs, and even in the local supermarket. I have been to clubs and witnessed stabbings. I have seen friends "bottled" in pubs and clubs simply for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I have watched a cashier being threatened with a knife in Sainsbury's and I have seen

the weapons that many people my age, and younger, carry with them. An arms amnesty can remove thousands of weapons from the streets, but they are not difficult to replace. The most frightening the fear of attack, it is the fact that

aspect of this problem for me is not so many people - journalists,

Britain's youth is not dangerous not evil; it is scared. I just hope that the new government will make an active effort in explore this problem.

teachers, social workers and those

in power - seem blind to the reality

KATJE MARTIN London SW18

#### Policing the professions

Sir: The attack by Carol Davies (Letters, 14 May) on the Law Society's ineffectual system of bandling complaints against continue to use self-regulation to maintain professional standards.

In the accountancy profession self-regulation has failed to prevent the series of major scandals that has hit leading firms of auditors, some of which face massive negligence claims from the aggrieved creditors of failed client companies. My own experience of raising complaints against auditors with the Institute of Chartered Accountants has revealed a reluctance to discipline members, even when it is accepted that they have a case to answer.

Any profession worthy of the name should have the confidence to hand over regulatory and disciplinary matters to independent assessors. Labour's business manifesto proposed to create a framework of independent regulation for accountancy. This proposal should he extended to all the other professions. NIGEL WILKINS London SW7

#### memos circulating along with the bugs, before practical intervention to ensure good practice. When the training of nurses took

place on the wards instead of in colleges, the good principles of asepsis were passed on from trained nurse to student, backed up by the theory in the schools of nursing which dovetailed with ward or theatre experience. Theory and practice were equal partners and the experience gained was invaluable and lasted a lifetime. E A BODEN RGN SCM

Sir: It is my experience as a senior staff nurse in intensive care that doctors and consultants need to be

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#### constantly reminded by nurses tn wash hands and put on gloves and aprons. It is nursing staff whn implement strict infection control ANGELA HAYES London SW11

#### **Interested but** not sympathetic Sir: The implication attached to your

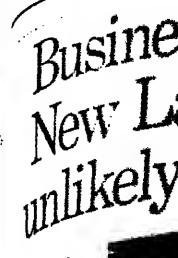
article (15 May) about Roisin McAliskey that I am a "sympathiser", either with her or with the IRA, is without fnundation. In March, in my capacity as shadow home affairs spokesman, l paid a visit to Hulloway prison. In the course of that visit I talked to Ms McAliskey and took an interest in her treatment, as I have done in the cases of other prisoners in recent years. Displaying an interest in the fair and equal treatment of prisoners does not imply sympathy with their particular case nr with any cause to which they may nr may not be attached – it is simply a matter of humanity and justice. GEORGE HOWARTH Parliamentary Under-Secretary nf State, Home office London SWI

#### Cockney, innit

Sir: Creole English in the playground innit? (report, 17 May). Not nohow. Fifty years ago my mother used to exclaim about the lingo of the young cockney women she worked with - with their "innit" and "arxed" and enough glottal stops to fill the Dickens of a novel. They would have learnt to talk like that at school in the early 1940s. Readers who are older than I can tell you how much farther back in living memory this cockney patois goes.

Norwegian researchers are always welcome to delve into London's tribal dialects, but they wants to arx thems as knows more from way back when, innit. ARTHUR POTTERSMAN London NW3

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A true Sean Brown (left) was abducted as he locked the gates of the football club (right) were later placed by grieving villagers

Photographs:

The murder of Sean Brown has dumbfounded fellow villagers because he was a byword for non-sectarian generosity to all, writes Paul Vallely in Bellaghy, County Derry



## Assassination of an innocent

well have Overend shocked bewilderment " ... nr me." They had shot the man who lived next door and left his body by his burning car. It was yet another sectarian killing, the third in Northern Ireland in a week. The murder of Sean Brown pro-

voked slightly more than the usual perfunctory few paragraphs in the papers. merely because it had happened in the village where the poet Seamus Heaney had grown up, and the Nobel laureate bad written to a local paper proclaiming that his death was sbocking and sinister. "I bave known two generations of the Brown family," he wrote. "They are people of great probity, much respected in the Bellaghy district."

They would not have sbot Sam. For the 71-year-old is a Protestant. And

when it comes to the twisted criteria by which Loyalist gunmen select their targets, one thing alone is requisite: that the victim must be a Catholic.

Making my way to the scene a week after the outrage, I found it hard to sbake off a sense of the mundanity of the evil. I had been given directions to turn off by the T-Junction transport caff and carry on past SDC Trailers. They the evil. I had been given directions to

were directions the killers must have taken too. The hawthorn was in bloom and the hedgerows were enlivened with bursts of yellow gorse and tall white heads of cow parsley. Swallows swooped across the vibrant green fields, It seemed a world away from the burglars, muggers and rapists whose spectres haunt life in the inner city. No need to lock your car here, I was told when I arrived at the football clubbouse an the edge of the little village. Yet this was the place at which Sean Brown was abducted before his face and part of his

head was blown away. The grieving reminiscences of his friends and relatives seesaw between past and present tenses, as if to search for a clue in the life of Sean Brown to unlock the mystery of his death. They talk of his birth 61 years ago in a labourer's bungalow, two miles outside the village where his father worked at the local clay factory. They look back to the boy who lifted potatoes for the local farmer in the spring, went to the Moss to cut turf in the summer and picked blackberries as the autumn approached to get the money to buy new sboes for school. It is a jumble of memories. His cousin Tom Scullion

remembered the plays Sean would write for his three brothers to perform in the barn on winter evenings by the light of an oil lamp. Later there were long teenage bike rides to distant dances in the company of Protestant friends. "It was before the Troubles and we were all just poor people together then," says one relative.

'We used to walk together to the village school," says Seamus. "He was always the one to stop fights, and stopped me going with the others to pinch apples from the orcbard. He was the eldest, and had a sense of responsibility. He was determined to do well; be always did his homework straight away. where I always had to be called in from the fields. There weren't too many Catholics got into grammar school; Scan was bright enough but the family couldn't afford it. So be went to Magherafelt Technical College for two years. He was no good at woodwork - he almost took his fingers off with a plane; at metalwork he found a talent and decided be wanted in be an engineer."

But engineering was then a Protestant job so, at 16. Sean started work bottling will. work bottling milk in a dairy farm. Yet his ambition remained and for the next four years, after work, he went to night school, where be met his future wife, Bridie, and obtained sufficient qualifications to land a job in a firm which made destination indicators for buses, after which came a decade making ejector seats for aircraft before discovering his true vocation and spending the next 30 years teaching young engineering apprentices. "He was born to teach," recalls Albert McClelland, who taught welding alongside Sean for 18 years. "He just seemed to have a way with kids. One of his apprentices recently won the Northern Ireland Skills Competition. Sean was so

proud he hugged him fit to break." But the passinn of Sean Brown's life was Bellaghy's Gaelic Athletic Association football club. And it was almost certainly that which brought about his vinlent end. "As a footballer be was a

good administrator," says his cousin Tom as cryptically as befits the local schoolmaster. "He was completely unco-ordinated, though be had great stamina and strength. But be became assistant treasurer as soon as be came nf age. The place was £140,000 in debt when he took over and he got it in the black." He also raised the money to build a massive new clubbouse, large sports hall, new stand, and most

recently had the entire pitch relaid. Sean, a jovial character with a great laugh, was, as Tom put it with masterly Irish paradox, "a loud but quiet man"; he had a big voice but a gentle per-sonality. Taking over four years ago as chairman, be took it upon himself to be barman, quizmaster, toilet cleaner and commentator at the club's dog show. He also organised the club's Irish danc-ing and traditional music classes.

To his killers this was enough. The GAA club was a badge of nationalism. They were wrong, according to Sean Brown's other next-door-neighbour. Robin Smyth, who is also a Protestant. Sean wouldn't have had it that way. To him it was just the centre of the local community." Protestants were invited to many events there, insists Sam Overend, who went along. "When we made a presentation to Seamus Heaney, when be got the Nobel Prize, Sean was very careful it should be a cross-community event," says the club's secretary, Seamus Boorman.

There was no doubt that Sean Brown located much of his identity in his Catholicism. "He was a great church person," says his workmate Albert, who is himself a Protestant. He was a reader in church, a collector for the parish development fund and a fund-raiser for the Catholic grammar school at Magherafeit. "But be never allowed religion to come between him and other people."

He created no boundaries between his church work and other valuntary work. He was also the local rep for a reginnal credit union. "He drew in lots nf the younger lads who were keen on buying cars," recalls Tom Scullinn. "He would advise them an saving and borrowing strategies. He saw it as part of keeping them on the straight and nar-row. He told Sam Overend that be believed one of the key purposes of encouraging Gaelic football was to keep "a lot of young fellows off the street - if they were playing football they weren't getting into any bother, be'd say". He often went beyond the call of his duties in trying to get jobs with local firms for his ex-pupils and, says Albert McClelland, be made no distinction between Protestant and Catholic".

Seamus Heaney said the same thing more eloquently when be wrote that Sean Brown "represented something better than we have grown used to. something not quite covered by the word 'reconciliation', because that word has become a policy word - official and

ean Brown was just an immensely generous man, his neighbours say. always making spare parts for peo-ple's cars, sharpening their shears and lawamowers, visiting people who were sick and ald folk whom others didn't bother with. "I don't know bow be had time to fit it all in," says Seamus Boorman - not to mention the long walks be went an with his wife, and eveling which included 43-mile circuits of the local loch, and annually taking part in the ecumenical bike marathan from Belfast to Dublin. "He was a fit man," says his cousin Tom. "They can't have found it easy to get him into that car."

He refers to Sean's assassins, who lav in wait on Monday evening last week as be locked the club gates after a committee meeting. He was an easy target. No one is quite sure what happened. An empty cartridge was found at the scene, along with signs of a scuffle. Yet nn one in the village heard a shot. His body was found 10 miles away, near Randalstown, beside his burnt-out Sierra. He had been shot several times so that his eyes

were hlown out of his face. "Nobody whn knew Sean Brown could have done that to him," says Robin Smyth, ficrcely haping that if the they were penple from far off. "I just wish," says Albert the welder, sitting N. sunken at his work-bench, "that I had bad a phone call to say he had died of a beart attack."

The dead man's bead was covered with a white cloth as he was laid out for the village to troop past the coffin. He wore his club tie and in his lapel was the badge which showed he had remained a Pioneer - true to a youthful pledge never to touch alcohol throughout his life. "He was never cen-sorious," says Sam Overend. "As I came bome unsteadily down the street on the odd occasinn, Sean would just laugh. He ran the bar at the club and just drank fizzy orange himself. His philosophy was that everyone should be

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allowed to do bis own thing. At the funeral a wounded little poem, written by Robin Smyth's 12-year-old daughter, Fiona, was read. It conveyed the sense of bewilderment sbared by the whole village. Adults express it differently, talking among themselves. repeatedly rehearsing the events of that numbing evening and making wild guesses at the motivation of the killers. Was his body taken to Randalstown to show that the murder was a tit-for-tat response to the IRA's murder of a policeman whn was being buried in the town that day? Or was Bellaghy selected because it bad been the scene of two press conferences by the area's MP, Sinn Fein leader Martin McGuinness, won nusted the extreme Protestant incumbent, the Rev Willie McCrea, who had earlier appeared on a public platform with one of the province's most notorinus killers, Billy Wright?

It is fruitless speculation, says Tom Scullion, and in the end "there's more hurt than anger; people can't think past the hurt, the loss, the emptiness. At the club gates, withering bunches of flowers and candles burning in blue glass jars say the same thing. All the people of Bellaghy can now do is, in the words of one scribbled epitaph, "pay respects to a true gentleman, good, bonest and decent, who will never be forgotten by bis community".

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#### deed was done by his co-religionists Danger, sport may damage your health the Cup Final I thought of the day that Middlesborough happened to be in London yesterday, trying than most of his clients. Now, "Ah!" said Adrian. "That's the PR man should always all old hat now. Our new line stay in the shadows and is that sport is dangerous, never be seen, but dear old and we in smoking want nn Max has not always been more to do with a potential

to find my way back to the country again, when I bumped into my old friend Adrian Wardour-Street, the doyen of British PR. I steered him into an adjacent coffee bar, sat him down with a large black coffee (or an espresso doppiol as he will insist un loudly calling it ) and asked him how things were in the murky world of public relations. Don't hear much from

Max Clifford these days," I

Adrian smiled to himself.

Dear old Max." he said. It was the tone of voice that PR people use when they are about to put someone down. "You don't approve of Max Clifford?" I said, "But I distinctly remember Max Clifford before the election saying that he was going to bring the Tory government down. And now they are

down. Isn't that an achievement?" "Max Clifford is a contradiction in terms," said Adrian, not answering the question directly, as is the wont of PR men. "He is a PR man who is better known

totally able to resist the lure of the limelight and goes on TV and radio as often as you like. Max Clifford has, in a sense, become his own client. Unwise, Max."

"And how about you, oh man in the shadows? Adrian looked round him and lowered his voice. "Me? I've got the big news

story of the week. Up and running. And never seen my name connected with it once. "The Michael Howard story?" I said. "I didn't know you were connected with

"That's not a story," said Adrian disgustedly, "That's a long-drawn-out obituary natice. I'm talking about the sports-and-smoking saga." That made sense. Adrian was always likely to be seen where the smell of money was, and the news that smoking sponsorship was

going to be banned from

sporting events had sent waves of worry round the world of sport. "I take it you are all in



Miles Kington

favour of sponsorship being retained, and smoking logos being splashed all over the place?" I said.

"Good Lord, no," said Adrian "I think it's an excellent idea if smoking and sport are separated."

"So you are acting for the sports people in this? You're on the side of health?" "No, no. I am acting for the

tobacco industry."
"Just a mo," I said. "If you are for smoking, then presuntably you are also for a connection with sport?"

killer like contact sport."
"Hold on," I said. "You're saying that sport is the

dangerous one, nut smoking?"
"Smoking causes disease." said Adrian. "We all know that. We have as good as admitted it. But what the sports people never tell you is that sport is bad for you too. We have statistics to show that sports people are more prone to injury than nonsports players. And the higher up the sport you go, the worse it gets. Even in non-contact sports like tennis, people are always going out of the game for long periods. Boris Becker's wrist. Agassi's thingy. Steffi Graf's

"Monica Seles was attacked by a madman." Yes, but only because she played tennis."

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I opened my mouth to object when I started thinking of all the injuries that athletes get, and how long out of the game they are.
I thought of Middlesborough and Ravanelli limping off in

hadn't got 11 fit men to put nn a field. I then thought of hamstrings and groin strains and pulled muscles and hairline fractures, and I began to wonder, not for the first time, whether Adrian Wardour-Street might not be on to a winner, even though

he was being paid to say it. "You see?" said Adrian. "So our plan is to take the high moral ground and announce that the tobacco industry no longer wishes to be associated with something as dangerous and anti-social as sport. Many children take up sport through peer pressure, we will say, not knowing that they are hooked on to a risky practice and that in 20 years' time they may be broken-down prop forwards or worn-out fast bowlers. Far safer to

stick to fags and booze." "Do you really mean that?" "I see a poster," said Adrian dreamily. "It shows poor old Muhammad Ali as he is now. The slogan says: 'Muhammad Ali never smoked'. Think that will get the message across?" He may have a point.

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### the commentators

## Businessmen: New Labour's unlikely heroes

hen government tries to run husinesses it fails. The results of nationalisation have been so catastrophic that the model has been abandoned all over the glohe. Now we have the reverse proposition: businessmen pulled in to help run the government. First there was Sir David

Simon, chairman of BP, joining the government in the Lords to help on policy towards Europe. Then Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays Bank, is to head a team which will advise on the reform of social services. on the reform of social services. And yesterday Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England (but whose original background was as a manage-

background was as a manage-ment consultant) was appointed to that most politically sensitive role, supervising what is objec-tively Britain's largest export industry, financial services.

And now there will be the husiness-led task forces announced by Gordon Brown last night. If Labour goes on in this vein it will be bringing top business talent into the core of business talent into the core of policy-making, something that the Conservative governments never did. 🗀

Sure, the Tories used to call in high-profile husinessmen from time to time to help with specific projects: Lord Rayoer, head of Marks & Sparks, to cut out waste in Whitehall, or Richard Branson to clear up London's litter. There were lots of "friends" from the business world, and one or two people with a commercial background, such as Lord Young, were elevated to the Cabinet. But the Tories did not seek to get their

ideas from people who ran giant corporations such as BP or Barclays. This is new.

It is easy to see why it is happening. Labour MPs have very little first-hand knowledge of what business people do: hardly any have ever worked as managers in the private sector, or even been non-executive directors of big quoted companies. So there is, for Labour, a mystic quality about husiness - it is a strange and different world from that of the teachers, lawyers and trade union people who make up the Labour parliamentary party. But business people are also an important group, for as anyone involved in government is aware, commercial disciplines are increasingly being imposed on the public sector. So bringing "business expertise" into the core of government has become one of Labour's priorities. And because the New Labour team is orderly and focused, it has gone not to its handful of business cronies, but to the very best in the and, Make no mistake about unis: David Simon, Martin Taylor and Howard Davies are

In one sense this is terrific. The Labour leadership knows it has a great hig hole in its own expertise, so it goes out and gets the best people it can find to help fill it. The principle that one should go out and get good people to bring in the skills you lack may he novel in politics but in the rest of the world it is exactly the way any well-run organisation operates. What the government cannot know, and the rest of us cannot really know either, is whether the skills are really transferable: if politicians are lousy at business, and we know they are. why should we expect business people to be any good at politics?

The precedents are less than encouraging. Lord Rayner may have saved money in Whitehall, but some people believe that cuts in the quality of statistics inspired by his economies



Hamish McRae

Government knows it has a great big hole in its own expertise, so it goes out and gets the best people it can find to help

fill it

one department to another and things will go on pretty much as before. But in business you need to know what you are doing. Take someone out of one industry and put them in another and it may work. But more often it does not. Not only do different industries need different sorts of people; different companies even within the same industry do. Think of all those enormous pay-offs when business executives

are brought in and then sacked

a few months later. The com-

going to bring in people from the nutside world to do political

jobs, you must make sure that their skills are appropriate. Lord

Rayner knew a lot about retail-

ing, hut streamlining public administration is different from

running shops; Richard Branson is a world-class marketing genius, but has no reason to

know anything about sweeping

administration, business is not a generalist skill. Take a minister from one cabinet post and put him or her in another, and the

good minister will succeed and the bad one make another mess; transfer a top civil servant from

Unlike politics and public

mercial world tries very hard to get its top appointments right but it frequently fails; industry is littered with bodies as a result. So when governments want to bring in business expertise, as they increasingly will need to do, they must realise that they are not huying a simple commodity. What they need to do is to identify precisely what sort of commercial skill they want, and then see who might be able to provide it. Apply this test to these very different appointments and what do you get?

different appointments and what do you get?
Will someone whose lifetime career was in the oil industry be any good at guiding British commercial policy towards Europe? Will someone who moved from financial journalism to industry to heading a bank be good at helping reformulate the welfare state? Will a management consultant who headed the Audit Commission, the CBI and then went to the Bank of England be the right person to regulate the financial services industry?

You know, I have no idea. These are very wrong for these johs. Even if the people are right, the jobs may be wrongly defined. Maybe commercial policy should not be focused towards Europe, but rather towards the fastergrowing markets of the rest of the world. Maybe we should not be thinking of a single radial blueprint for reforming the welfare state, but rather have a series of limited, incremental changes. Maybe we would be better to keep the present structure of City regulation, making small course-corrections where necessary, instead of having a single supremo who may come into conflict with the Bank of England.

We certainly need more business skills in government. But introducing these is a difficult, complex task needing sensitivity and care if it is to work. This knee-jerk "hire a top guy to sort 'em out" approach is just the sort

## Blunkett's long road to the Class of '97

**Interview by Donald Macintyre** 

he Secretary of State for Education and Employ-ment apologises that his office seems like "St Pancras station". And there is a huzz about it which demonstrates that Tony Blair has kept his promise to put David Bhinkett's department at the beart of government. It is not just the frequency with which private secretaries (all of whom call him "David") pop in with urgent messages. There is one from the Chancellor of the Exchequer which does not, as Blunkett admits ruefully, yield the sudden rush of funding which he dreams about at night. Nor the fact that he has secured one of the highest-calibre ministerial teams in Whitehall. It is also the hectic pace since he got

Two weeks ago.

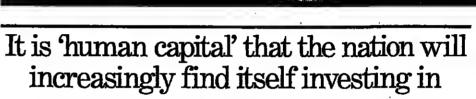
Two weeks in which, in the one oblique reference he makes to his blindness (his daily red boxes now bulge with a new phenomenon for Whitehall, top secret audio tapes) he says he has now got to know the

geography of the office. Yesterday was Blunkett's day for showing, with a flourish, that he will have zero tolerance for declining school standards.
The "naming and shaming" of
I5 failing schools has disconcerted the teaching unions. But
it has allowed him to draw, in the most dramatic way possible, a line between a government which had believed that "the free market would improve standards through schools knocking each other out" and one determined if necessary to close and re-open those failing the nation's children.

Education, he said, would not be a "secret garden, a little world of its own". And as with failing schools, so with sacking rotten teachers. That will, he says, require the new government to strike a halance between its duties as a fair employer and "a realisation that children only get one chance". "Just as you would with a high speed train driver who put your life at risk, so with a teacher who put your chil-dren's future at risk you'd want to intervene. And we're going to do that." Yesterday Blunkett showed

that he can be tough. But don't good teachers now need a boost if only to make it an attracuve job once a un! "Success hreeds success," he says. "The more people can feel that the profession is succeeding, the more people will want to enter. I know as an ex-teacher that my proudest moment was when I had done something well myself and when the college I taught in was clearly getting erate by 2000. But he is confi-esteem for its commitment to a dent of fulfilling the one firm deeply working class area."

Ofsted, which has created a formidable reputation under Chris Woodhead as the scourge of had schools, will have a key role. "They know what is working as well as what is failing.



in terms of understanding and being able to disseminate what working excellently." The new General Teaching Council will help to raise professional status and standards; so will the new qualifications both for heads and for experienced teachers who want to stay in the classroom.

So also will new initiatives like the current Adult Learning Week, one effect of which should be to help parents both to help themselves and to engage with their children's education. Blunkett says: "You see this with ethnic minority groups where the Chinese, the Indian and now Pakistani and Bangladeshi families are increasingly committing themselves to education. We don't have that always in the deprived ties, including the one I represent as an MP.

He knows better than most how much his department will in time need and he is not remotely starry-eyed about the £100m that the scrapped assisted places scheme will genmanifesto pledge - reducing The standards watchdog, primary class sizes to 30. He is not prepared to commit himself to a date earlier that the end of the parliament but adds: "I was one of those who said during the election that if we can achieve more than we've

Ron Dearing, who is in charge of rethinking the approach to higher education funding, and told him he wanted the report completed by the end of July There will be radical change. Nor has the Government "ruled out entirely" ending the automatic state payments of fees as well as grants.

Gordon Brown's golden rule Usays that borrowing should be used only to fund investment, not resources. Thirty years ago that would have meant oldfashioned capital projects.
Today, in "the learning society" it is "human capital" that a nation will increasingly find itself investing in. "We're now talking about a global economy, a global perspective." So education is as much a national Dearing, Blunkett implies, will be challenging individuals to invest through loans in their own education rather as 19th century capitalists took risks to

make money. But as someone who not only has one child in university and one doing A-levels but who himself lived on a grant 28 years ago, Blunkett is firm on not deterring poorer students. "We must make sure that whatever we do, we are mindful of the disincentive effect if we force those from deprived backgrounds to work their passage. while those from affluent backgrounds are reliant on their parents. It's a balance that has to he struck."

What is clear is that he does not want to be distracted by structural issues at the expense of advancing standards. Ballots to change the selective admissions policy of the 160 grammar schools will face a high hurdle hefore they can even start. Blunkett is interested in continuing talks with former direct grant schools, now in the private sector, such as Manchester Grammar School, for exam-ple on how they might help to prepare inner-city state-edu-

education, including Oxbridge. "I'm saying this to the private sector generally: here is an opportunity to commit yourselves genuinely to a goal which is broader and more effective than providing excellence to the handful of children that have ss to your schoo

cated sixth-formers for higher

Walden's "intellectually stimu- life chances of the kids in my lating" ideas about luring the constituency and across the former direct grant schools back country I'll have achieved far into the state sector to case what more than any of the aspirations

private and state sector. But he warns that it will not work if it simply means "that we paid the fees instead of the parents for the same set of children".

Blunkett's journey to the cut-ting edge of Blairism has been a long one. But already he is impressive in a job that looks tailor-made for him. He rejects the idea that he was ever a "dissident left-winger", pointing out that he was "consensual" figure on the Labour National Executive in the Kinnock years, hreaking for example, the dead-lock on Militant, But he agrees; "Not only has the Labour Party and the nation changed hut David Blunkett's changed with

them and I think for the better.
"I think that as we addressed
the real world of the late Nineties and came out of the cocoon of the late Eighties, the nation warmed to us. I reflect that change like everyone else." It was never, he reflects now,

nationalisation or revolutionary change that was going to give the young of Britain their chance. It was the individual He is prepared to look further ments they needed to help the Tory MP George themselves. "If I can change the the Labour manifesto called the "apartheid" between the came into the Labour Party."

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#### of trap into which businesses themselves often And while they can help us to promised we'll restore faith in politics and democracy.". Last week Blunkett saw Sir fall. Great strategy; dodgy execution. It may take action in relation to failure led to policy errors in economic management. turn out fine, but keep your fingers crossed. and will, they can also assist us The spy who loved both sides

A Vietcong agent who worked for 'Time' is still not resented by his colleagues, says David Usborne

wenty-two years after the last US helicopter clattered skywards from the roof of the American distinguished US emhassy in Saigon – now Ho Chi Minh City - the healing process is doing well. It is chic for American students to travel to Vietnam these days, Hollywood has even stopped making those

self-flagellating napalm epics.
For sheer symbolism it will be hard to beat two recent events. There was the appearance at the Vietnam Wall in Washington last November by Phan Thi Kim Phuc. Now a woman in early middle age, in 1972 she was the young girl who was caught in the lens of an AP photographer fleeing American bombs. The image - a naked child with arms outstretched in terror - remains one of the most wrenching of the war. Then last Friday, Pete Peterson arrived in Hanoi as America's first ambassador to Vietnam since the normalisation of relations between the countries in 1995. Mr Peterson was shot down over the Red River della in 1966 and spent the next six-and-a-half years as a prisoner of war in the infa-

mous "Hanoi Hilton". How frustrating that another opportunity recently for catharsis was lost. The occasion was a journalists' forum on the war's aftermath organised earlier this month by the Asia Society in New York. The star guest was to have been a wiry 69-year-old from Ho Chi Minh City named Pham Xuan An. He did not turn up, however, because the government of Vietnam refused him

reporters in Vietnam. including Morley Safer, now of the CBS news magazine, 60 Minutes, Stanley Karnow who reported for the Washington Post and David Halherstam for The New York Times. Mr An is a member of the same club. First hired by Reuters early in the war, he went on to work in the Time magazine

bureau for 10 years,

where he earned the distinction of being the only local reporter ever put oo staff by a US publication. In Saigon, he was the sage who knew better than anyone what was going on.

The larger truth about Mr An only emerged years later, notably in a book written by Mr Safer in 1990, Flashbucks: On Renaming to Vietnam. It was a story of divided loyalties and of friendships forged between enemies worthy of Graham Greene. In short, Mr An was a double agent, filing reports not only to Reuters in London and Time in New York, but also to the Communist strategists of the Vietcong.

In 1944, a 16-year-old An found himself, along with almost all his student peers, joining the Communist national liberation front know as the



much of ideology than of patriotic nationalism. When first the Japanese and then the French had been driven out of Vietnam and the country became divided, Mr An in 1955 was drafted to join the South Vietnamese army. There he was assigned to Colonel Edward Lansdale, the principle operative of the CIA. "The real work began in 1960, when I was working for Reuters," he told Mr Safer. "I

der. I never wore a uniform of course. I never carried a weapon." He added: "During the years with Tone I was made a colonel." Today, his rank in retirement is that of general.

Mr An's credentials as a friend of America seemed unimpeachable. In 1956 he won a US government schol-

held the rank of regimental comman-

were on the verge of taking Saigon in April whole family out on the helicopters to take refuge in America. He remained behind.

The American who helped Mr An arrange his family's flight was David Greenway, now an editor at the Boston Globe. The two had become friends as coworkers in the Time hureau in the late Sixties. Mr Greenway says that while he

always was sure that Mr An had the benefit of sources on the other side, he never dreamed that he was actually working for it. In his discussion with Mr Safer, Mr An was adamant that he never once fed Time or any US correspondent disinformation. Had he done so, he said, he would have hlown his cover. His masters in the North, he said, "wanted the same thing Time expected. I had access to all the Vietnamese bases and their America'. He was tom." commanders. My superiors wanted to know the strengths of various units ... estimates of the capabilities of the commanders, who was corrupt and who was corruptible. They wanted all the political stuff."

Even while Mr Greenway admits Vietminh (later dubbed the Vietcong arship to study in California; before that Mr An's missives to the North may n exit visa.

Unquestionably, Mr An belonged at by South Vietnam) for reasons not so returning home, he even had a spell have led to the deaths of some Amerbe worth sharing.

working on the Sacra-mento Bee newspaper. ican advisers to the South, neither he nor any of those who were on the New York panel can he tempted into expressing bitterness towards Mr An. Mr Greenway, who has also visited Mr An since the war says: "In a way that was how Vietnam was. It was not a hlack-and-white thing. You knew that the locals had friends or relatives on the other side." At the Asia Society, Mr Safer said: "I think that any American reporter in any country understands when he deals with someone who is indigenous that the levels of loyalty on the part of that person are often more complex. I think of him to this day not as a person who is treacherous. I think of him as a friend."

Mr Karnow, meanwhile, spotlighted the core of the story that makes it so compelling. There was no pretence, that he could see, in Mr An's loyalty either to his commanders in Hanoi or to his American employers and colleagues. "An used to sing a Josephine Baker song to me," he recalled. "Do you know 'I have Two Loves - J'ai Deux Amours?'. Do you remember her song, 'France and My Country'? Well that was what he would sing to me, you know, I have two loves - Vietnam and

In New York, we were denied the chance to hear Mr An first hand. Evidently, the warming of ties between Hanoi and Washington has gone only so far. Ambassador Peterson may want to make a trip to Ho Chi Minh City. Take a recorder with you, sir. The debriefing of General An will surely



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## business & city

SIB accuses Prudential of giving clients wrong advice

Nic Cicutti Personal Finance Editor

Prudential, the UK's largest insur-er, has come under fire in a report by the City's main regulator, the Securities and Investments Board, over claims of mis-selling of financial products and an alleged refusal

to compensate victims. · The company is accused in the SIB report of wrongly advising clients to place money in one of its popular products, the Prudential Savings Account, to the exclusion of more suitable investments, it emerged

The report follows a two-month in-

monitoring team were shadowed by Prudential compliance staff who used pre-arranged hand signs to pre-vent those heing interviewed from giving out too much information. Each night, the Prudential team

was instructed to prepare detailed reports on the interviews carried out and any records examined by the SIB monitoring staff that day.

Jim Sutcliffe, chief executive of Prudential's UK retail operation, admitted yesterday that with hindsight, the actions of some its shadowing team may have been vestigation by the regulator's mon-itoring team. A draft was submitted were interpreted as "adversorial".

ed in the next few weeks following last-minute representations on points of fact by Prudential. The City regulator will then decide

whether to issue a public reprimand against Prudential, the heaviest penalty it can impose. The SIB last night refused to comment. The SIB's findings will be a seri-

ous embarrassment to Prudential. which has long prided itself as being The company has long been hos-tile to the Personal Investment Au-

thority, the current front-line

financial watchdog, arguing that it is

surers in being regulated directly by the SIB. However, Scottish Amicable, the insurer the Prudential aims to take over before the end of the year, will

remain under the PIA's control.

The allegations against Prudential centre on its Savings Account, a high-selling contract linked to the company's life fund. Such policies suffer from so-called "fiscal drag", which is underlying taxation on the life fund

They may therefore not be suitable to higher-rate taxpayers, who would be required to pay even more tax on their investment, or to non-taxpayers who need not be paying tax on

to the company at the end of March.
In a bizarre twist, the SIB has also complained that members of its

But he disputed the accuracy of some an inadequate regulator and statutory controls are needed instead.
The SIB's final report is expect
The Prudential is alone among incount schemes were wrongly sold to such investors.

The report also claims that the company's salesmen were selling a second Prudential pension to many customers, incurring new set-up charges, rather than simply arrange a top-up to the existing one.
In both instances, the SIB alleges

that the Prudential has been unwilling to compensate victims unless they come forward and ask for redress. The company is also said to be unprepared to bring together separate

records from two computer systems that would allow it to identify and compensate those persuaded to buy two separate pensions.

tionable selling practices among branches, he said: "However, we are members of its salesforce in the Sheffield area two years ago. However, the report says surveys to dis-cover the extent of potential mis-selling were restricted to the lo-cal area itself, rather than extending

lieves is needed. Finally, the report adds, the com-pany's training methods do not allow it to say with certainty whether the salesforce is capable of putting its new-ly-learned financial skills into practice.

He acknowledged, the "hand sig-

Mr Sutcliffe said yesterday errors may have been been made but in many cases the advice given on Savings Accounts was not necessarily wrong.

The investigation into the

aware SIB thinks we should have investigated more branches. They are not confident of the standards of our investigation. We will redress that and look at a new sample of cases. Mr Sutcliffe rejected as "factual-

the inquiry nationwide as the SIB be- ly incorrect" suggestions that pensions compensation was not being paid. He said that for three years now the automatic policy had been to re-

nals" issue had been mentioned to him. This was carried out by one or two members of a separate "business quality unit" attached to the com-

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## Brown signals overhaul of City regulation

and Diane Coyle

The Chancellor of the Exchequer dropped a second bombshell on the City yesterday. ulation of the entire financial services industry under one roof for the first time. The surprise move came only two weeks af-ter he stunned observers by handing freedom to the Bank of England to set interest rates.

The timing of the Gordon Brown's far-reaching shake-up of financial supervision was unexpected but his intention to sweep away the present, unloved system of self-regulation had been well flagged. More of a surprise was his decision to

Mr Brown said yesterday: "It has long been apparent that the regulatory structure introduced by the Financial Services head the new super-regulator Act 1986 (FSA) is not deliver- after SIB's current chairman ing the standard of supervision Sir Andrew Large steps down. and investor protection that said: "I am honoured to have the industry and the public been called to take up this chal-

Alistair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, added: The distinctions between different financial institutions were becoming increasingly blurred. A regulatory system based on old market structures was becoming increasingly inappropriate."

The Government had trailed in opposition its view of the need for statulory regulation rather than self-regulation. It also felt it was unsatisfactory to have different regulators responsible for different parts of each financial institution.

The system was becoming too cumbersome, there was too much red tape and it has become too expensive," Mr Darling said.

The Consumers' Association welcomed the move, saying it had been calling for the replacement of the current two- for the protection of investors,"

news. We are pleased to see the end of the current two-tier creasingly integrated financial system which we regard as unwieldy, at times incomprehensible and not easily understood by consumers," a spokesman said. In a statement in the House

of Commons yesterday, Mr Brown outlined plans to fold the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), Personal Investment Authority (PIA), and Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) into their current umbrella regulator, the Securities and Infinancial services act, covering remove hanking supervision next session of Parliament, from the Bank of England. while the Bank of England Bill while the Bank of England Bill

will pass within the next year. Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank, chosen to build a new regulatory structure which will meet the changing needs of the financial services industry and its customers."

Scandals such as the misselling of personal pensions to hundreds of thousands of peoole convinced Mr Brown while Labour was in opposition of the need for a root-and-branch reform of the supervision of the

Under the current regime, a bank is supervised by the Bank of England. But its stockbroking. asset management, retail financial services advisory arm and unit trusts operation are each supervised by a different agency.

"You cannot ensure the success of British financial services in the 21st Century without modernising arrangements

single watchdog body for some ensure the future confidence of This announcement is good investors large and small, and the future success of the in-

> services industry," he added. The move follows the Chancellor's surprise announcement a fortnight ago of indepen-dence for the Bank of England in setting interest rates, which he reaffirmed in his statement to the Commons yesterday.

The Chancellor confirmed that the Bank will have two new deputy governors, to be appointed after the Bank of England Bill has been passed. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank, er Bank executives will be members of the Monetary Policy Committee which will meet each month to set interest rates. Mr Brown will announce four outside members of the

committee in time for its first meeting in early June. Mr George attempted to play down the perception that Mr Brown had stripped him of an important part of his previous is not the Bank's position but the whole structure of financial regulation and what is best both for depositor, investor and policyholder protection, on the one hand, and for systemic stability

on the other." In a letter to Sir Andrew Large. Mr Brown outlined plans to establish SIB as the single financial services regulator. He said SIB would have the full range of powers and discipline. established in statute, that are now available to the self-regulatory bodies under contract law.

In a statement, SIB welcomed the proposed changes: "Clearly we have a major task ahead of us. We and our fellow regulators will be starting work immediately with a view to reporting back to the Chancellor as requested by the end of July."





Another bombshell: The reforms of Chancellor Gordon Brown (right) will launch Howard Davies as head of the newly enlarged SIB financial watchdog

## CBI warns over raising corporate taxes

Michael Harrison

Sir Colin Marshall, president of the CBI, issued a thinly-veiled threat to the new Chancellor last night not to increase corporate taxes in his first Budget.

There is widespread speculation that Mr Brown will take the opportunity to raise corporation tax and cut the tax credits that institutions enjoy on dividend payments. This would have the short

term effect of reducing the amount of advance corporation tax paid by companies. But in the long term, it would increase their cost of capital and might force them to top up their pension schemes from com-

dinner of the CBI in London last night: "The level of husiness investment does need to be stepped up but that depends on having economic and fiscal policies which allow commerce and industry not just to build profits but

also to retain them. Today's profits are tomorrow's investment." The CBI chief also cautioned the Government against upsetting the economy and criticised it over the windfall tax and its

support for the Social Chapter. But Sir Colin said he was encouraged by Labour's attitude towards Europe and its promise of co-operation and partnership with business. "The turn of events on 1 May has given us a fresh start in Europe. You could tell that something was stirring

Eurovision Song Contest for the first time in many years, on Labour's second day in office," Sir Colin joked with the audience of 1.500 husiness leaders.

He said business looked forward to "a close working partnership of a kind not possible with previous Labour administrations. For us this is very much a case of New Labour-

new experience." Earlier the Chancellor had spelt out how the Government intended to take its partnership with industry forward. He confirmed that Sir David Simon, the former chairman of BP who has been made Minister for European Trade and Competitiveness, will chair a working group when Britain takes over the presiden-But Sir Colin told the annual from the way Britain won the cy of the EU next January, ex-

amining how Britain will work to complete the single market and promote flexible labour markets across Europe. The CBI will be represented on the group.

This follows a number of other initiatives to bring senior. husinessmen into Labour's new partnership. Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays Bank, has been appointed to chair the working group on re-form of the tax and benefit system, while Malcolm Bates, former deputy managing di-rector of GEC and now chairman of the Pearl insurance group, is conducting a review of the Private Finance Initiative.

Mr Brown also outlined his vision for a new University of Industry, which would operate as a public-private partnership

Fed leaves US

rates alone

providing lifelong learning for everyone through the home, the workplace and the community. "It will do for workplace education in the 1990s what the Open University did for second chance university education

from the 1960s onwards," the

Chancellor said. He also pledged that Britain would play a leading role in shaping Europe's future. The idea that Europe could revert to a free trade area as in the 1950s was an illusion, he said. Whereas the dehate over economic and monetary union had heen "hijacked by extremists dogma competing to he heard above prejudice it would henceforth be based on a wellinformed decisions about what

## Blow to BA alliance hopes with American Airlines

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Helion Read (%)

#### and Michael Harrison

British Airways' hopes of sealing its long-awaited alliance with American Airlines were dealt a further blow yesterday when it emerged that the European Commission was likely to call for further concessions from the two companies this week. Karel Van Miert, the Com-

petiton Commissioner, flew to

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A spokesman for Mr Van Miert said details of the EC's investigation could be released as early as tomorrow.

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Source: FT Information

The spokesman declined to comment on growing specula-tion that the EC will ask the two carriers to hive off a larger number of lucrative runway slots at Heathrow Airport than the figure of 168 provisionally Trading. The EC probe has run

sions to the DTI. In January Mr Van Miert made clear his deep concerns about the alliance on competition in the transatlantic

The alliance, which would involve the two carriers pooling revenues and coordinating flight times, has aroused huge criticism from rival US carriers who have restricted access to London airports. It would give BA and American some 60 per cent of

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already dominant position at

Mr Van Miert is understood to have made direct contact with BA yesterday afternoon, requesting a meeting with its chief executive, Bob Ayling, to discuss the Commission's concerns about the alliance. No date has yet been set for the talks. These cover both the number

of slots that BA and American should surrender and whether

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A spokeswoman for the transport commissioner said Mr Kinnock intended to issue proposals legitimising trading next month, though Mr Van Miert is apparently still opposed to the idea. BA has insisted it must be allowed to receive compensation for any slots divested.

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comed the chance to put its views to Mr Van Miert. "We are pleased that we will have the opportunity we have long sort to face up to the Commission's concerns because we believe we have the arguments to persuade them of the benefits the alliance will bring." Suggestions that the Commission might insist on tougher concessions as the price for allowing the deal tn proceed left BA shares 18p

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### Mary Dejevsky

#### The US Federal Reserve last

night decided against raising interest rates from the current level of 5.5 per cent, despite the urging of experts who said a fresh rise was needed to preempt any increase in inflation. The decision indicated that

the Fed judged signs of a slow-down in economic growth to be real and believed there was no need to make any adjustment fullowing the 0.25 percentage point rise two months ago. There has recently been an

unusual degree of discussion and uncertainty over rates, with analysts divided on whether a rise was justified. A majority, however, had forecast that there would be no change, whether or

nnt it was justified.
Only a week ago, Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, caused confusion when he said: "While there is scant evidence of any imminent resurgence of inflation at the moment, there also appears to be little slack in our capacity to produce." His statement led to wild swings on the stock market as first the early part of his sentence, then the second caught the attention of

The economic figures are contradictory. The economy grew more rapidly in the first quarter than it had for a decade at an annual rate of 5.6 per cent - and unemployment fell further in April to 4.9 per cent, its lowest level for 23 years. Both figures were cited as supporting the need for a rise, on the grounds that the growth rate needed to be restrained and such low unemployment would lead to wage rises.

Against this, however, there has been no sign that inflation hovering below 3 per cent is gathering pace. Consumer prices rose by a bare 1.5 per cent m the first four months of the year, half the rise registered in the same period last year.



THE VENE

The real curiosity is that this eminently sensible piece of institutional

reorganisation has never seriously been contemplated before. For this we can

largely blame the Bank of England

Brown hits the ground not running but sprinting Another day, another stonker of an ini-tiative from Gordon Brown, our new Chancellor. The way things are going, anyone would think he was the Prime Minister.

not Tony Blair. Mr Brown has hit the ground not so much running as sprinting, and while this latest piece of reform may lack the same seismic, long-term import of his previous announcement affecting the Bank of England, this is none the less big-league stuff.

It is also an eminently sensible piece of institutional reorganisation, so much so that

the real curiosity is that it has oever seriously been contemplated before. For this we can largely blame the Bank of England, which until Howard Davies arrived as deputy governor a couple of years back refused to countenance any question of separating its mon-etary from its supervisory functions. Since then the Bank has been dropping heavy hints that it might be prepared to trade away these powers in return for independence, but even this was done with reluctance.

This dogged defence of turf has loog been a cause of some bemusement, for being responsible for supervision has never brought the Bank anything but grief. Regulatory failure has to varying degrees been a contributory factor in all the last three big banking collapses, Johnson Matthey, BCCl and Barings. The effect has been to tarnish the Bank's reputation more generally and undermine its case for independence. If the Bank cannot be trusted with supervision, bow could it be trusted with monetary pol-need and purpose.

icy, was the all too frequent observation.

Never mind the fact that the Bank is actually a rather good supervisor and getting better at it all the time. Per head of staff relative to banking failure, it is one of the most effective regulators in the world. However, it is not for the unpublicised successes that

regulators get judged, but for those high-pro-file cases that slip through the net. Post Bar-ings, the Bank has come to accept that there might be a reputational case for severing its links with supervision. There are also some very practical reasons for doing so. First, it would not be appropriate for such an important regulatory func-

tion as hanking supervision to be handled by an independent central bank. The Bank's insistence that great benefit is derived in the conduct of policy from what it learns in pursuing its duties as a supervisor was never a convincing one. Much better to make supervision directly accountable to government through an enhanced SIB (or Investor Protectioo Agency, as we may have to start calling this behemoth once it has absorbed all the other City regulators).

Second, globalisation and rapid growth of financial services and markets have blurred the borders between modern securities regulation and old style banking supervision. As Barings illustrated, this is already causing a dangerous confusion in lines of responsibility and action. The two functions, then, are in any case being driven together by a common

There is also one further good reason for going this route – it gives Howard Davies a panies to gear up for 1998 when they lose big job to do. So much so that a cynic would suspect he might have had a hand in persuading Mr Brown of the sense of this approach. Not true. Although it looked as through Mr Davies had been left out in the cold by the announcement of operational independence for the Bank two weeks ago, he played no part in this latest development. All the same, it's good to see such an accomplished practitioner making the transition between governments, for in his brief reign as deputy governor he has made great strides in revitalising the Bank's demoralised supervisory ranks. We can expect more of

the same once he takes over at the SIB. As for the planned wider regulation of City regulation, there is thankfully going to be a period of public consultation on all that, both on its structure and funding. The new Government is none the less off to a good start. This isn't change for the sake of it, but rather, a long overdue and necessary reform.

#### Electricity reforms heading for more delays

The electricity supply industry has fallen foul of Professor Stephen Littlechild again, and 20 million domestic customers can but sir back and watch the sparks fly - noless of course the lights go out first.

The cause of the dispute this time is how

their cosy monopolies and emerge blinking into the harsh light of competition. According to the RECs, the bill for all the new computers and software that will be needed to make the changeover a success works nut at £854m, or £43 for each customer in the land The professor says it will, at most, cost £383m. Clearly the RECs are trying it on.

Since electricity supply only accounts for 6 per cent of the total bousebold bill, it is becoming apparent that, whatever the true costs, the benefits to customers of shopping around will be negligible.

The professor disputes this, insisting that competition in supply will give the RECs increased incentive to buy their electricity more cheaply. This will deliver meaningful price reductions because generation makes up a much higger proportion of the average household hill.

The reality is that the RECs have got the professor over a barrel. In truth they are not interested, nor ever have been, in competing in anyone else's franchise market and have done their best to sabotage the whole project. Now some of them are telling the professor that if he is not prepared to make customers pay for their gold-plated computer systems then he had better put back

the whole process or risk a meltdown. Liberalising the market but failing to deliver worthwhile price cuts would be an embarrassment to the professor. But prebe unthinkable. Stand by for more delays to

#### Perceptions of UK catch up with reality

What has changed in a year to cause Britain to scoot on up the World Economic Forum's league table of internal New al competitiveness into seventh position? Not much is the honest answer, but these rank-ings never were a very objective or scientific

The text of the report claims Britain's progress is the reward for the upheaval of deregulation and privatisation, and for the two recessions that accompanied the creauon of a flexible labour market. There are few experts who would argue any longer with the view that the reforms of the Thatcher years did boost the British economy's potenfial for growth, but the most important of them were in place by the late-1980s.

The truth is that the jump reported in the latest findings is the result of perceptions catching up with reality. Most of the bard figures that go into the construction of the rankings change very little year to year. What changes most is the results of the survey of international executives which also feeds into the league table. It is these executives who have realised at last that we are now well over the British disease.

## Electricity customers face double cost for competition

**Business Correspondent** 

Electricity customers are likely to have to pay more than twice as much as originally estimated to fund the introduction of domestic power competition next year, Professor Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator. warned yesterday. However, Professor Littlechild dashed calls from 12 regional electricity companies (RECs) and two

Scottish suppliers, to reclaim extra spending approaching £1bn.

He also declined to rule out the possibility that the complex preparations could be delayed, hough he said the aim was still to meet the current timetable. It would give 23 million households the ability to move electricity supplier on a rolling programme between April and September 1998.
The electricity satchdog.
Offer, said the companies could

be allowed to pass on total costs of between £250m and £383m over the five years from next April, compared with the previous estimate nf £154m made eight months ago. Professor Littlechild blamed the rise of extra management services. On top of this the Electricity

Pool, the wholesale power mar-

ket, is spending £50m to update

its computerised trading system. The increased estimates means the cost per customer has risen from about £1 a year for five years to between £1.90 and £2.90. out of an average bill of just under £300. Charges in Scotland were likely to rise the most. Professor Littlechild insisted the savings from competiton would still ontweigh these costs, even though electricity supply, the portion of the service which is being opened to competition, ac-

counts for just 6 per cent of bills:

monopoly, covers 29 per cent of hills, with just over half going to cover generation costs.

Offer admitted the revisions represented a "substantial increase" but compared the figures with the £850m the companies themselves had. asked to pass on. It also attacked the huge differences in predicted cost between suppliers, with Northern Electricity asking for £31m and Norweb requesting spending of £118m. Professor Littlechild said some RECs had asked to pass through the cost of dealing with the millennium

computer hug at the same time.
"We have weeded out other costs which don't need to be provided for. I would have been concerned at the variation in estimates if I had believed these were seriously thought through," Professor Littlechild said. It also emerged that John

Asian countries such as Taiwan

and Malaysia also score high

rankings. However, the report

says their growth rates are slow-

big emerging markets like China and Indonesia, and to a lesser extent Brazil. China has

climbed to 29th place in the

1996 competitiveness ranking from 36th in 1995, while In-

donesia leapt from 30th to 15th.

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ister, is unlikely to press for a full-scale review of the 1998 preparations, a move which would almost certainly menn a REC, which would not be named, said Mr Battle was conducting a smaller scale investigation but would apparently stick to the current deadline for the timebeing. Mr Battle had previously indicated before the election that he did not want to see the timetable putting cus-tomer service at risk. Professor

Littlechild also said yesterday

Mr Battle was "not pushing to

move competition back".

Asked whether he was contemplating a delay to the process in the face of vigorous lobbying from the RECs, Professor Lit-tlechild added: "We are still assessing this and the situation is constantly changing. As of today that's the target we are aiming at. Distribution, which remains a Battle, the new Industry Min. It would be wrong of me to in-

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The comments were interpreted by Yvonne Constance, from the Chairmans' Group of Electricity Consumer Commit-

255.50 - 383.00 tees, as a shift in his position towards the possibility of a delay. "It is a shift in position from the expectation that they will be ready to expressing a view that

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ly pushing to keep the timetable

### M&S to create 1,700 new jobs

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Marks & Spencer announced plans to create 1,700 new jobs vestigating as it reported necord profits which broke through the £1bn barrier for the first time.

The jobs will be in new stores planned this year in Covent Garden, London and in Cribbs Causeway, Bristol, as well as in existing stores as it increases sales volumes and improves customer service. A further 300 jobs will be created at the financial services division in Chester.

Commenting as M&S reported an 11 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £1.1hn, Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, highlighted growth in footwear, accessories and jewellery as well as overseas expansion as solid reasons for optimism. "We are no longer dependent on clothing and food. There are a wide array of opportunities to grow and io develop the underlying strength of the St Michael brand Asked whether any policies of

the new Labour government we ald have ery inspect on trad-ing, he said: "We have prospered over the last 50 years under a range of governments. I see no reason why we can't prosper on this one." He said a national minimum wage would not affect the company as its lowest wage was £5.70-£6.50 an bour if benefits such as the annual bonus were taken into account. In the UK, sales of clothing,

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5 per cent with M&S maintaining its market share and margins. Investment column, page 25.

Britain, the envy of Europe', races up the competitiveness league

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

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Britain has leapt up the world competitiveness league as the privatisation and deregulation of the Conservative era finally pay dividends, according to a study published today.

In a finding that will give the last government bitter satisfaction, the annual competitiveness rankings published by the World Economic Forum show that the UK rose from 15th to 7th place in 1996, one of the biggest advances. Britain's place in the world rankings was one of the political footballs of the election campaign.

According to Fredrick Hn of. the WEF, which organises the meeting of world political and business leaders in Davos each year: "The UK has become the eovy of cootine otal Europe."
He added: "What we see in

the UK is an economy reborn out of sweeping privatisation, deregulation and other structural reforms, an economy that is now well poised to compete in the global economy." But the annual review strikes

a note of caution about growing income inequality, which has increased by more in the UK than most other countries. It notes that business executives in 49 out of the 53 countries covered judged that inequality had risen, but in general the high-ranking countries had suffered the smallest perceived increases.

The rankings are based on a mix of economic indicators such as tax rates and foreign investment, the quality of the infrastructure signalled by measures such as road density and the number of internet connections, and the results of a survey nf business executives. The UK's advance reflects the importance the rankings place on factors like low tax rates and

deregulation. The report comments that Britain "has distinguished itself from the rest of Europe by retooling its social welfare state. It has slashed its top marginal tax rates and increased substantially its labour market

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Global Competitiveness Report 1997

Other big European climbers in the latest year are Ireland and the Netherlands. But the hig European economies are languishing, with France nn-changed at oumber 23, Germany down from 22nd to. 25th, and Italy falling from 39th to 41st.

According to the WEF: None of these countries has taken the painful but necessary measures to tackle their deeprooted problems, which range from labour market rigidity to troubled fiscal policies."

At the top of the league table are two small but dynamic entrepôt economies, Singapore and Hong Kong. They are followed by the US and Cariada. With New Zealand at number five and the UK at number seven, the "Anglo-Saxnn economies" make a strong showing, although this is perhaps not surprising given the assumptions behind the construction of the competitiveness index.

The newly industrialised

But the survey results suggest that Colombia rivals Russia as the worst place in the world to do business in terms of governance. Respondents said bribery was commonplace, tax

expected to mount legal challenge John Willcock The British-based liquidators of

Asil Nadir's collapsed husiness empire are bracing themselves for a legal challenge from Mr Nadir now that he has flown to Turkey, his first trip outside northern Cyprus since fleeing there from Britain four years ago.

Privately British officials were doubtful yesterday that Mr Nadir could be extradited from Turkey. Britain has oo extradition treaty with Turkey, but the Turkish Government do normally hand over wanted suspects under a Council of Europe agreement.

There were reports in Istanbul yesterday that suggested the Tinkish authorities would be unlikely to send Mr Nadir back to

The Serious Fraud Office reiterated last week that it would still like Mr Nadir to face fraud charges worth over £30m relating to the collapse of his electronics to fruit empire seven

Yesterday liquidators from Coopers & Lybrand said they suspected that Mr Nadir had flown to Istanbul in order to launch a legal challenge to Coopers' proposed sale of the very last bits of his former

These consist of two Pollv Peck subsidiaries, Meyna and Unipac, which produce cardboard boxes for the Mediterranean fruit market.

He added: "Now we fear more problems from Mr Nadir. In the past he's launched over 30 legal actions trying to stop us selling Polly Peck companies."

was the creditors of the Polly Peck empire who lost out every time Mr Nadir delayed these sales.



Independent in 1977, with

Chris Barlow, who has headed Cooper's liquidation team since Polly Peck west bust, said: "We have battled through the courts for six and a half years to sell off all the companies in order to realise the money owed to creditors. and these are the last two."

Mr Barlow pointed out that it

Share price has groten over one hundred and twenty times in the past 20 years, IR£1,000 invested in

dividends re-invested, would be worth approximately IRE300.000 today, a compound return over the past 20 years of 33% per amum.

### Independent Newspapers A global media business

OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

Ireland's largest newspaper publishing

 Operating profits are up 33%. Increased circulation in all national titles. Second largest cable and MDS television signal distribution company (Irish Multichannel - 50% owned).

United Kingdom

 Wholly-owned operations achieved record growth in profitability.

Largest publisher of paid-for regional titles in Greater London area.

Leader in the London recruitment magazine market. Increased interest to 46.4% in Newspaper Publishing, London - publisher of

The Independent' and the Independent on Sunday'. .

 Increased interest to 62.8% in Wilson & Horton, the country's largest newspaper

increased interest to 85.6%. Increased circulation for re-designed New Zealand Herald.

publisher by year end. Subsequently,

Investment in The Radio Network of New Zealand, the country's largest radio network, operating 56 radio stations, which commands some 60% of the radio advertising market.

South Africa Country's leading newspaper publisher

with 51% of total newspaper market. Pre-tax profits grew 31%.

 Publishes 15 daily and weekly newspapers with an aggregate weekly circulation of 3.76 million copies.

Largest regional newspaper publisher with 13 daily and more than 50 non-daily titles.

Expanded its radio interests during the year to become the largest broadcaster in Australasia.

Subsequent to year end, increased its interest to 51% in Cody Outdoor. Australia's largest premium transit outdoor advertising agency, and acquired Australian Posters, the outdoor advertising division of 3M Australia.

Record profits at Sirocco, with national advertising revenues growing at more than double the industry average.

Continued development at Sirocco International, a 50/50 venture with Havas Media Communications, the largest outdoor advertising company in France.

**Portugal** 

Increased interest to 16% in Jornalgeste, the leading national newspaper and commercial radio group.

 Increased circulation of titles representing 48% of national daily newspaper

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Turnover	419	368	+ 14%
Operating Profit	67	49	+ 36%
Profit before Taxation	73	50	+ 47%
Earnings per Share	16.5p	14.5p	+ 14%
Dividends per Share	6.9p	5.8p	+ 18%
Shareholders' Funds	395	287	+ 37%

INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS, PLC

Full financial statements for the year ended 27 December 1996 will be delivered to the Registrar of

the Companies and carry an unqualified Audit Report. Copies of the Report way be obtained from the Secretary. Independent Newspapers, PLC, 1-2 Upper Hatch Street, Dublin 2.

Taking Stock

## market report/shares Shell remarks send BG to highest level since demerger

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ruary demerger.
The shares flared 6p to 203p in busy trading as the stock market latched on to alleged comments from the Shell oil giant and strengthening hopes of a favourable report on the TransCo pipeline network.

When BG and Centrica emerged from the old unlamented British Gas they suffered a cool reception. Analysts seemed to compete to rubbisb the shares. Centrica, once early takeover froth evaporated, has performed poorly. BG, however, after initial caution, has made strong progress with rumours of possible bid

BG, the gas group climbed to its highest level since the Febabout its huge resources and the possibility it could hit the

acquisition trail. In market minds such words

quickly spelt bid - and the long rumoured Shell strike for BG was on. Sbell said it had not made a presentation; executives would;

however, have been in atten-The market has displayed a remarkable conviction that BG will eventually be a bid target. Besides Shell, such gi-ants as British Petroleum and National Power bave been

dragged into the BG cauldron. The TransCo report is a Monopolies and Mergers Commission affair. It should be



#### MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

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US military cutbacks. And

British Aerospace had to con-tend with the additional drag of

the Government's postpone-

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Defence stocks were hit by

stock market reporter of the year

and gas users. lor, the chief executive head-if the MMC has come down ing a Government task force, on BG's side and its proposals is said to be due to deliver a are accepted by the Government it would represent a far reaching victory for the com-

Shares, awaiting the US interest rate decision, endured another downbeat session with Footsie ending 37.7 points lower at 4,607.5; Supporting shares took their lead from blue chips with the FTSE 250 index off 21.4 at 4.489.

suggesting an 850p target. lowing Cobham, the engineer, gained 12p to 638.5p. Last Hew night Henderson Crosthwaite held an investment dinner at London's Savoy Hotel for 18 institutions.

Dixons fell 18p to 478p. The Office of Fair Trading denied it was investigating the electri-cal retailer over claims it used unfair tactics to force out-oftown shopping centres to deny space to rival retailers. The OFT said it was currently considering information supplied.
Royal & Sun Alliance fell

rofighter, falling 44p to 1,207.5p. 8.5p to 481p. Towards the close
British Land fell 23p to ABN Amro Hoare Govett and Cazenove launched the sig-

lowing an upbeat trading state-

of corporate action.

Wyndeham Press, the printer gained 5p to 190.5p. It is acquiring Argent Colour for up to £8.6m. Next month's results, it said, should "comfortably" meet market bopes which are around £7.5m. The group's on dence prompted Nat West to lift its forecast for this year from £8.5m to £9.4m; it reckons the sbares should

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> Matheson Investment believes the Falkland Islands could represent the next major oil "province" with potential reserves of more than 2.5 billion barrels. Westmount, with Falkland interests, rose 5p to a 102.5p peak. It was floated 18 months ago at 15p.

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## Husband and wife • team quit Country Casuals board

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Mark and Christina Bunce, the husband and wife team who have been considering a possihle bid for Country Casuals, resigned from the hoard of the troubled womenswear retailer yesterday. However, they said they were still interested in making an offer.

The latest twist in the company's fortunes came as Country Casuals announced the sale of its two loss-making suhsidiaries, the Lerose manufacturing division and the Elvi stores chain, which sells clothes for larger women. Both divisions have been sold to their respective management teams for cominal sums. Country Casuals will take a £5m charge on the

Mark Bunce, who was chief

rector, will remain as employ-ees of the business and still hold executive positions within the company. Andrew Mills-Baker, finance director, will assume the role of chief executive. Mr and Mrs Bunce were both on 12-

month contracts but it is not yet clear if they will leave the company or choose to work their Country Casuals has experienced a volatile recent history. It was the subject of a hostile hid in 1995 from John Shannon, the then chief executive. That 140p per share offer was rejected.

Last night the company's shares closed 2.5p lower at 111.5p Asked if the turbulence the company had experienced was now on the wane, the embattled Mr Mills-Baker replied: "Who

He was speaking after the executive, and his wife Christi- company's annual meeting yes-

na, who was merchandise di-rector, will remain as employ-attended the meeting but did not take a seat on the podium or ask any questions.

Tom Adam, chairman, said: "The proposed agreements to sell Elvi and Lerosc Manufacturing provide the group with a clean and immediate break from all costs and liabilities relating to the employees of the two husinesses and all but two of Elvi's retail leases. This will allow the group to focus entirely on its suc-cessful Country Casuals format and to build shareholder value

without distraction." Country Casuals also issued a statement on current trading yesterday. It showed that like-forlike sales in the core Country Casuals husiness were 9 per cent ahead of the same period last year. The company said cus-tomers had responded positive-ly to the "New Mood" concept being introduced to the stores.

#### Booker division in buyout

**Clifford German** 

Booker yesterday sold its prepared fonds division for £57m n cash to Prize Foods Group, a huyout team led by David Sims and Michael Russell. The two men were respectively chief executive and finance director of Nurdin & Peacock, the cash and carry business that Booker

took over last year. The huy-out team is backed by 3i, which is providing £29m of equity, and Robert Fleming. the merchant bank, which is providing debt and working capital. The consideration includes £48.1m in cash, £6.9m in debt and £2m in tax liabilities.

The five businesses in the forward one strand of our stratpackage are WA Turner of Tunegy for growth in Europe," Mr bridge Wells, which makes ownlabel pies and sausages for supermarkets; Buckingham Foods, which makes own-label sandwiches in Milton Keynes and Tamworth for retailers; Headland Foods, which makes own-label ready meals for retailers: TMI foods of Northampton, which supplies cooked bacon to food manufacturers; and Salaisons le Vexin in France. They had a combined turnover

#### S & Spencer chairmao, has little time for the City. His view is that EDITED BY NIGEL COPE

the Square Mile is far too interested in short-term quick fixes while M&S is all about the long term, investing now for a pay-back next year or even

the next decade. It may be unexciting but it is a strategy which has made the company Britain's pre-eminent retailer and significantly more profitable than either Tesco or Sainsbury's.

M&S was very keen to underline its consistency yesterday by detailing its results over the last five years Pretax profits have risen by 87 per cent over that period while dividends and carnings have increased by similar

What is telling however, is that although the share price has risen hy 50 per ceot in that time, M&S shares have underperformed the market by A major part of this under-perfor-

mance is the company's great size, which makes it an unwieldy beast to manocuvre. Another is that it has oot delivered the carnings growth the market has expected. Even so, within yesterday's record £1.1hn profits for the year to 31

March the UK husiness increased profits by £80m last year, which is oo meao feat. The trick has been to gradually diversify, adding more and more product areas whilst maintaining its

grip on its the sectors on which it has built its reputation. It is now not just underwear and woolly jumpers in which M&S has dominant market positions. Its shares io womenswear and meo's tailoring also stand at 20-25 per cent. In footwear M&S ranks second only to the British Shoe Corporation, the

troubled Sears division. In foods, M&S's share may only be 3-4 per cent, but in ready-made meals it has half the market. The worry is that oot just Sainsbury's hot Tesco, Safeway and others are all increasing their offers in these areas, though

M&S still has a significant lead. In the current climate of food price deflation, the company has done well to maintain both its sales volumes and its margins.

Other receot moves have been into jewellery and wedding lists, and a home shopping trial starts in 1998. Financial services, now a decade-old husiness for M&S, is showing strong growth and contributed £75m of profit last year.

And while M&S puts the pressure on rivals at home it is gradually expanding ahroad. It now has 35 stores in Europe, a oumber it would like to double as its seeks more stores in Germany, Spain and Poland.

The Far East is also heing targeted for expansion. Even Japan, ruled out as too costly a market to enter three years ago, is being considered again. In America, the expensive Brooks Brothers acquisition is gradually turning the corner and made £15m last year. The only hlot on the landscape is the small Canadian operation, where losses doubled.

On Merrill Lynch's forecast of

Diversification pays off for M&S

shares, down 16p to 493p yesterday. trade on a forward rating of 17. With the City running scared of certain retail stocks such as Argos, Burton and the friendless Storehouse, M&S remains a solid hold.

#### Royal & Sun looks to cut costs

Perhaps not surprisingly, the un-derlying trading messages to emerge from Royal & Sun Alliance's first-quarter results were pretty much in line with last week's from General Accident and Commercial Union. Recovery from last year's harsh winter in the US, motor premiums edging upwards at home offset by a nasty rise in

subsidence claims, and good growth in the long term life assurance operation. That led to a 24 per cent increase in operating profit (the key measure for the sector) from £157m to £195m, with general insurance chipping in £135m and the smaller life arm £54m. Earnings per share rose from 7.2p to 8.3p, leaving a forecast 10 per cent rise in the dividend for the year as a whole well on track.

Five Year record

Royal & Sun is a different animal from its peers, however, thanks to last year's £60n merger. Unlike the other two it has great scope for cost-cutting and is relatively over-capitalised, which means surphis funds can be handed back to shareholders through buy-backs. The first of those, of 15 million shares,

or 1 per cent of the company's capital, happened yesterday and more will follow before July.

The slide in the shares, by 8.5p to 481p, ss a reflection of some impatience that the buy-back was not announced with the results. It also follows a strong run-up in the shares over the last year to a point where they stand at a sizeable premium to net assets, traditionally the benchmark

for composite insurers. Shareholders' funds nudged up during the quarter from 399p to 411p and they have since moved ahead to 427p thanks to strong markets. At that level the shares stand at a 12 per cent premium, not as highly rated as GA and CU but demanding by the standards of the discount the market expects to compensate for the volatility of gen-eral insurance. The key for Royal & Sun is the exteot to which it can cut costs faster than the £175m a year it

promised at the time of the merger. By

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yesterday, savings were running at an annualised £44m and most analysts agreed that the promised rate should

be easily matched by next year. If the City warms to the idea that composites should he given more credit for the steady growth of their better quality life assurance profits, the shares, oo a prospective dividend yield of 5.5 per cent, could still have

#### Optimism justified at Jarvis Porter

a little way to go. Fair value.

arvis Porter's full-year figures look rather alarming on the sur-face. Pre-tax profits for the year to the end of February fell 30 per cent to £10.2m even before the label printer's £2m reorganisation provision. Sales growth was just 5 per cent at £95.4m and margins slumped from 16.1 per cent to 13.2 per cent before acquisitions. Hardly positive, yet the market edged the group's share price

up 1p to 205.5p.

Cautious optimism looks justified. For a start these figures reflect a number of ooe-offs. The loss of a contract supplying video labels to 3M and destocking at Guinoess prior to the re-launch of its Johnny Walker whisky hrand cost Jarvis around £2m. The group was also hit when one of its higgest pan-European customers tighteoed the price terms oo a contract to print toilctries labels mid-year.

More importantly, while Jarvis still needs to improve costs and efficieocy, it is a significant player in some specialised markets. Size is important in the label world where multinational customers are iocreasingly centralising sourcing and cutting out smaller suppliers. Jarvis is mainland Europe's biggest label supplier, though it has just 5 per cent of a £2bn market.

Jarvis is seeing the benefits - overall sales volumes rose 10 per cent last year and in the toiletries side volumes were up almost a fifth. Though the downside is falling prices - customers are paying their favoured suppliers less for their husiness - Richard Brewster, Jarvis' chief executive, is making tough statements on costs.

Unlike label groups like Ferguson which supply to commodity markets like textiles and food where there is fierce competitioo, Jarvis is well positioned in more hi-tech markets like branded drinks, drugs and, following its acquisition of Dooprint, in the fast growing computer market. Margins there are a juicy 15 per cent. The group still has plenty to do, though. A quarter of its business in the commodity toiletry labels market is too much. The computer side looks much hetter, and Jarvis is likely to consolidate its position with another significant acauisition this year.

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This is a tough market, where pressures on margins will cootinue. However, on analysts' forecasts of around £14.3m for the year to 1998. the shares trade on a forward price/earnings ratio of 11. This looks on the cheap side, given that Ferguson trades on nine times this year.

## Kingfisher buys **Dutch retailer**

Clifford German

Kingfisher, the Woolworths and B&Q group, has acquired a Dutch electrical retailer for £33.6m in cash.

BCC Holding Amstelveen is a privately-owned chain of 17 electrical retailers in the Amsterdam/ Rotterdam area. It was formed in 1969 and has grown steadily to second place among electrical retailers in the Netherlands, controlling about 5 per cent of the oational market in domestic electrical goods, It employs over 400 staff.

Though a small purchase, the BCC deal is part of Kingfisher's strategy of developing a power-ful electrical retailing division in western Europe. It follows the purchase of Vanden Borre in Belgium last year and the larger acquisition of Darty, the French-based chain, in 1993. Kingfisher also owns a 26 per cent stake in But, a French elec-

BCC's turnover in the year to the end of March was £77.8m while pre-tax profils were £2.5m. "BCC is a well-managed company with good growth opportunities which will continue be run by its successful manropean Group", Philippe Fraoces, chief executive of Kingfisher Electrical Retailing. said yesterday. There are, however, oo particular synergies and no master plan to channel stan-

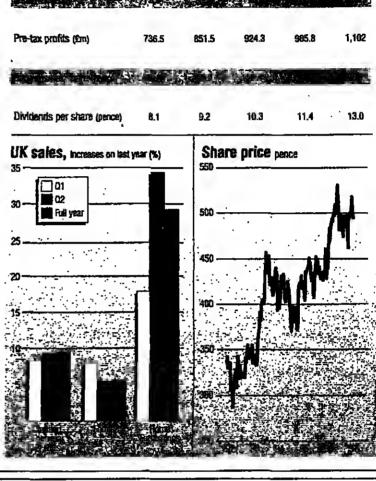
deal would allow the company to grow more rapidly. Earlier this year Kingfisher signalled its intention to expand its interest in Europe in DIY with the appointment of Jim Hodkinson, formerly chief executive of the DIY subsidiary B&Q, to the post of chairman of Kingfisher DIY, Other appointments at the same time signalled the development of long-term strategies for the group. "This acquisition carries

dard products through the out-

lets. A BCC spokesman said the

Frances said yesterday. Kingfisher has also opened a hranch of B&Q in Taiwan and is keen to expand its DIY intrical and furniture stores group. terests in the Far East. Its has established an Asian division and is investing in training classes for locals in an attempt to convince them of the virtues of home decorating and DIY improvements.

Shares in Kingfisher fell 7.5p



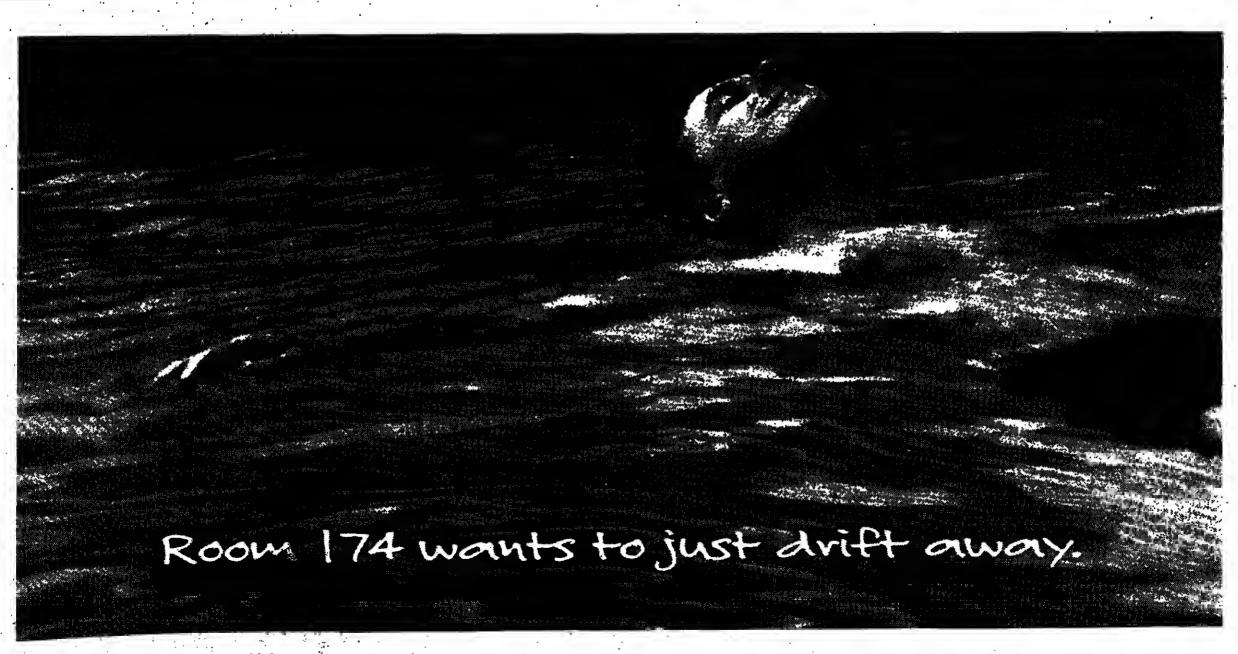
Marks & Spencer: at a glance

Market value: £14.0bn, share price 493p

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## Rover chief warns against · delaying entry into EMU

CIA set for £15m acquisition

Michael Harrison

The chairman of Rover, Dr Walter Hasselkus, yesterday joined the growing ranks of senior industrialists warning the pound." Government against delaying Britain's entry into economic and monetary union.

Dr Hasseikus, who is also a main board director of Rover's parent company, the German car-maker BMW, said that if the pound failed to enter in the first wave then it could be trapped into going in at an unsustainably high level, causing huge damage to British exports and jobs.

The Rover chairman also warned that this could force BMW to shift some of the £3.2bn that Rover spends each year with UK suppliers to overseas companies.

Criticising the way the previous government had dithered over its policy on Europe. Dr

CIA Group, Europe's second

largest independent media

buyer, is understood in be close

to filling a gap in its interna-

tional network with the £15m

purchase of a Scandinavian

media huying company.

The acquisition, which could

be announced by the end of the

week would be the company's

higgest to date and be funded

mainly through a placing of shares with institutions.

being struck was given last month

by Chris Ingram, executive chair-

man, who said CIA could spend

up to £100m on acquisitions

over the next four years.

A hint that a deal was close to

**Cathy Newman** 

lather Rates

Hasselkus said: "If Britain waits another two or three years it may be in a situation where we have a major difficulty negotiating a lower entry figure for the

He said that an appropriate level for the pound to enter would be between 2.20 and 2.40 German marks compared with its current level of DM2.80.

The fear among industrialists is that if Britain remains outside EMU then the pound will be kept artificially high by currency speculators. A Rover spokesman said that if this were the case then it would have tn source more components outside the UK.

At present Rover spends £4bn a year on components - 80 per cent of which are sourced from UK suppliers - and pro-vides work directly and indirectly for 80,000 people. Rover said that the other

The agency needs to grow rapidly to avoid the risk of be-

ing swallowed up by rival ad-

vertising networks, as the media

huying market continues to consolidate.

Mr Ingram, who has been at the helm of CIA for 21 years.

would not comment an details

last night, but he did not deny

that acquisitions were in the

completion of the company's in-

ternational network, enabling

CIA to service multinatinnal

clients. However, the group

still needs to address its absence

in the American market, as

well as plugging boles in the Far

The move would hasten the

new models jointly with the US car maker Chrysler. for from the new Labour gov-He said BMW was sticking by ernment were a consistent

transport policy which encourits forecast that Rover would aged more sensible use of cars make a profit under German acbut not at the expense of slashcounting rules in 2000, by which ing the road building protime it would have invested gramme. The company also £3bn in the husiness. "There are no plans to have said it wanted to see more investment and support for trainco-operation, joint ventures or

ing particularly in engineering, where Britain was not as adpany," he said. BMW is buildvanced as Germany. ing an engine plant in Brazil Dr Hasselkus said Rover was with Chrysler that will manunegotiating an extension in the facture the engine for the new New Deal agreement with its workforce which would feature Mini. The plant will produce a total of 400,000 engines a year for Rover and Chrysler cars.
Rover is investing £600m a
year in new models. It will a three-year pay and produc-tivity deal. Blue Circle Cement announced a similar agreement

City analysts have been ex-

pecting news of international ex-

pansion for some months.

James Capel recently replaced

Merrill Lynch as Clas hro-

kers, a development which

some took to indicate that cor-

porate activity was imminent.

CIA recently announced a drop in profits for 1996 from

£6.68m to £4.92m, entirely due

to a £1.8m settlement the com-

pany had to make with several

ITV companies. The dispute

was over an alleged shartfall in

CIA clients' spending with the

Although company insiders

navian deal, the majority of the billings.

stressed that some cash would

be used to pay far the Scandi-

ITV companies.

with its 2,200 production worklaunch a new small Land Rover, the Freelander, this September But Dr Hasselkus quashed at the Frankfurt Motor Show, and a new version of the Disrumours that BMW was unhappy with the performance of covery next year along with the the Rover car business or that replacement for the Rover 600 it was considering developing and 800 series

funding would he provided from a placing of shares.

A restructuring of the board

earlier this year was in part in

preparation for acquisitions. Mr Ingram became executive

chairman, and David Reich,

former non-executive chairman

of the group's European oper-

ations, became chief executive.

£1hn last year, and won sever-

al new clients such as Swatch,

Mr Ingram said recently that he haped CIA would be one of

the top six media huyers by the

start of the next millennium. To

achieve his goal, the agency

would need in quadruple its

Shell and Lever,

CIA posted billings of over

mergers with any other com-

### M&S counting on success after Cantona for Sir Richard the Red

Sir Richard Greenbury has always been a Manchester United fan first and chairman of Marks & Spencer second. So how would Sir Dick handle Eric Cantona's shock

"Cantona was one of the greatest players ever," the chairman tells me, with a catch in his voice. Bravely, he continues: "Earlier this year the papers were saying that Cantona was not as good as he was. Now they're all asking: "How is United going to replace Cantona?"

A number of Mr Greenbury's fellow directors are relieved, however, that the Boss seems to have taken the news reasonably in his stride. One said: "It would be better for all of us if United's

success story doesn't falter."

Just so. As Sir Dick puts it: "I'm terrible to live with if we lose."

BZW boss Bill Harrison can comfort himself with the fact that following the recent departure of hordes of analysts from BZW, one group of loyal employees called "the Scottish desk" were moved to hold a "Staying Party. Because they were staying, not leaving.

In another sense they were also leav-ing - to go to BZW's shiny new offices in Canary Wharf, down Docklands way.

While BZW grapples with staff departures, SBC Warburg strides on ward and upward into the heady realms of snail racing.

David Ruck Keene, a lnng-time Warburger and currently executive director for equites client development. "Leadership Steaks" with his thorough-bred molluse, "Flague".

Fitou, the French wine-making region,

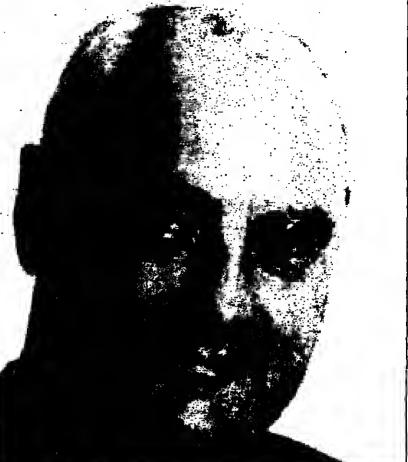
held four snail races in central London, including the "Upturned Bottle Handicap"; the "Flat Earth Hurdle" and the "Channel Tunnel Sprint." But it was the "Leadership Steaks" which caught the imagination of onlookers, since it included six snails named after the competitors

for the Tory leadership.
Sadly, Mr Ruck Keene wasn't there to see the youthful Hague romp to victory. Fitou tell me a good flow of mucus is vital to a snail's pace, while "beer impedes performance." The young snail covered the "Channel Tunnel" course, a scaled down version of Dover to Calais, in 6 minutes, 45 seconds.

Fitou commented: "Lilley came a creditable second and Howard (cautinged for overuse of the whip) a slightly distant third. Dorrell, who had shown early speed, was originally placed third but disqualified by the stewards for interfering with other \*Redwood never left the stalls and

Clarke hung too violently to the left, a dietary imbalance being, according to his trainer, a possible problem."

PEOPLE & BUSINESS



Firstly a fan: Sir Richard Greenbury is 'terrible to live with' when Man Utd lose

UBS has pnached Gregg Sandn from Morgan Stanley to head up its European Financial Institutions Group, Mr Sando joins in June and will be joint head of the

Group along with Alan Banks.
Mr Sando has been heavily involved in the consolidation of financial companies in the last few years, having advised nn the sale of Bristol & West building Society to Bank of Ireland and the acquisition of TSB by Lloyds Bank. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley Mr

Sando, who has a hiochemistry degree from Harvard and an MBA from Chicago, spent 12 years at Merrilly Lynch, Looking at his track record, I'm sure Mr Sando will be running his slide rule over the newly converted building societies. What am I hid for the Woolwich?

Its fair to say that the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamed, has not always had a happy relationship with this

country (dnn't mention the dam). All the better then to hear that he will address a galaxy of City fund managers and heavyweights this lunchtime in order to drum up investment for Malaysia's 'Multimedia Super Corridor".

Although the PM is on holiday for twn months, he's taken a hreak from his relaxations to address people from the likes of Henderson, Gartmore, Hermes, Mercury Asset Management and Schroders. The reason is simple; the Corridor,

which was first announced in 1995, is intended to attract investment and companies from all over the world to Malaysia, in the process creating a world-class cluster of media businesses

Rupert Pennant-Rea, chairman nf Caspian Securities, will be hosting the lunch at Lincoln's Inn. Don't forget tn take your cheque book.

John Willcock

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#### Change to Interest Rates.

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#### IN BRIEF

#### Calortex hits out at Gas price cuts

One of the leading independent gas supply companies called on the Government to intervene yesterday to prevent the industry regulator from approving selective regional price cuts from British Gas. Calortez, the joint venture between Calor and Texaco, told John Battle, Energy Minister, that domestic gas competition could fail if the cuts are allowed to continue. Centrica, the demerged British Gas supply group, has cut between 6 and 12 per cent off bills in the South West of England after it lost 20 per cent of its customers in the first competition trial. Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, is expected to pronounce on the cuts this week, with many rival suppliers to British Gas suggesting she will allow them to continue. Calortex called for an urgent meeting with Mr Battle

#### £100m of contracts go to Mercury

Mercury Communications, part of the recently merged Cable & Wireless Communications group, has won two government contracts which it said could be worth £5m in the first year and up to £100m over five years. The Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, an arm of the Office of Public Service, awarded contracts covering voice, data and mobile services. The department is responsible for giving advice on computing and telecoms services to government.

#### Merger to create Italian banking giant

The foundation that controls Cariplo, Italy's largest savings bank, has voted to open merger talks with Banco Ambrosiann Veneto, which could create the country's largest banking group. Givseppe Guzzetti, chairman of the foundation, said that its 18-member board had voted in favour of the talks. He said he would be happy if a formal draft between the two groups could be drawn up by

#### Dai-Ichi bank raided in Japan

Prosecutors in Japan raided Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank as the Nomura Securities scandal threatened to engulf some of Japan's top corporations and politicians. Agents from the Tokyo Public Prosecutors Office searched for evidence that the bank loaned more than £16m to Ryuichi Koike, who is accused of being a rack-eteer. Mr Koike allegedly used some of the money to buy stock in Nomura and then – according to a criminal complaint – ex-toated more than £244,000 from Japan's largest brokerage by threatening to disrupt its 1995 shareholder meeting.

#### British Land raising £300m

British Land is issuing £300m of senior unsecured convertible bonds due 2007, underwritten by SBC Warburg. The bonds will bear interest at a rate in the range of 6.25 to 6.5 per cent. The majority of the proceeds of the issue will be used to finance the company's current acquisition programme, but, coutrary to weekend press reports; not a takeover bid for MEPC, the rival property company. There are no new strategic acquisitions of major significance to the group currently in progress, the company added.

#### Argent Colour bought by Wyndeham

Wyndeham Press Group is to acquire Argent Colour for a total £8.6m and will assume £1m of debt nn completion. Wyndeham said it believed the acquisition "should be earnings enhancing". Argent Colour supplies pre-press services, principally for the con-sumer magazine market. Wyndeham said it also expected to announce preliminary results which will "comfortably meet market expectations".

#### Pittencrieff takeover called off

Shares in Pittencrieff Resources, the oil and gas exploration company, dropped 10p to 45p on news that it had ended takeover negotiations with Gothic Energy Corp "by mutual agreement". No merger discussions are in progress with any third party and Pittencrieff is no longer actively seeking a corporate partner. The company said trading during the early part of 1997 had been strong, with first quarter pre-tax profits seen at more than £1m compared to £1.7m for the whole of 1996.

#### Losses slashed at Videologic

Videologic Group, maker of multi-media technology, cut losses from £7.52m to £1.54m in the year to 31 March. Geoff Shingles. chairman, said that the royalty stream based upon the company's silicon designs commenced on time. "Its magnitude will huild this year, but last year it started more slowly than expected." He said that, "with the support and commitment from our partner NEC Corp. PowerVR has begun to make an impact as a commercial 3D technology".

#### London Clubs says

## takeover

**Clifford German** 

A successful takeover of Capital Corporation was not vital to the future of London Clubs, said Alan Goodenough, chief executive of the casinos company, yesterday.

Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, is expected to give her verdict on the hid in three months' time, after reading the recommendation of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which should be complete by 7 July. Representatives from the two companies both gave evidence to the MMC on Monday.

The outcome of the bid fight. however, could be complicated if London Clubs is given the green light. This could then lead to counter-offers for Capital being launched by other rivals, such as Ladbroke, which could then trigger a further mnnopolies investigation.

And London Clubs would

also certainly have to raise its hid terms if the Department of Trade and Industry gives it the go-ahead to relaunch its offer. Its shares rose 5.5p to 396.5p yesterday, which values its previous all-paper offer at 186p per Capital share. Capital gained 0.5p to 190.5p.

London Clubs yesterday re-

ported a 6 per cent rise in profits to £35.2m for the year to 30 March, after absorbing the costs of the bid, which have reached slightly more than £1m to date. Thrnover was up 7 per cent and operating profits by 9 per cent to £37.5m, helped by strong trading in February and March which more than offset a lull in October and November.

Earnings per share before the bid costs rose 12 per cent to 16.8p and the final dividend of 5.63p makes 8.25p for the year, an increase of 6.5 per cent.

The strength of sterling and the underlying UK economy have little impact on the highrollers who still account for 64 per cent of the group's profits. but the profit margin at the Ritz Casmo fell to the mid-teens from its normal 20 per cent as luck favoured the punters.

The seven UK casinos still contributed over 95 per cent of profits but the overseas business is growing strongly.

## Pioneer of needle-less injections to float

Sameena Ahmad

Powderject, a pioneer of the needle-less - and, it promises, painless - injection, yesterday became the latest biotechnology eroup to detail plans for a UK stock market listing.

The group's novel system uses a helium gas jet to push powdered drugs through the clin at those times the speed of skin at three times the speed of sound. Dr Paul Drayson, chairman, said: "It's completely painless because it doesn't distend the tissues. All you feel is the slight pressure of the gas on your skin. There is no bruising or bleeding.

One of the key uses for the system will be drugs for male impotence. This is abviously a lot kinder than an injection". pointed out Dr Drayson. The

company said the technology was also targeted at the dental market, treating children and for conditions like diabetes where injections are frequent. The group is also working nu applications for flu and hepatitis raccines.

Powderject which published its pathfinder prospectus yesterday, already has several collaborative deals with pharmaceutical companies keen to use its technology to improve the delivery of their The group's most advanced

product is part of an alliance with UK hintech group Chiroscience. Both are developing a needle-less delivery system for Chiroscience's local anaesthetic which Powderject hopes to launch by 2000. Chiroscience is

funding all the research costs and will share any sales equally with Powderject.

Powderject, which was found-ed in 1993 to commercialise research carried nut at Oxford University, expects to list on the main market in June, valued at around £110m. It is raising £35m of new money to fund further research and huy out a minnrity stake in a US gene vaccine company.

Management currently own 60 per cent of the company, and this will be diluted to around 40 per cent after the flotation. Dr Drayson said none of the directors was selling shares and their options were locked in for two years. He said the group expected to spend considerably more on research after the

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## Lions ambushed by 'the enforcer'

The Lions have loog harboured suspicions over the precise nature of Saturday's opening tour match with an Eastern Province Invitation XV and yesterday, they had their fears confirmed with knobs on. Those players with direct experience of the barsh realities of life on the wrong side of the Port Elizabeth tracks would not have heen uoduly surprised had their opponents named the Kray twins in their front row. One person they did not expect to see was Kobus Wiese.

By bolstering their pack with the presence of the most singlemindedly aggressive forward in Springbok rugby, the Eastern Province selectors sent the clearest possible message to Martin Johnson and his party. It read something like this: "The beach holiday is over. Welcome to the real South Africa."

As Derwyn Jones, the Welsh line-out specialist, found to his cost 18 months ago, Wiese, a Jo-hannesburg restaurateur, is the man who put the hospital in hospitality. An accomplished prac-titioner of the law of the jungle, the 20st, second-row forward earned himself £7,000 worth of notoriety - the first fine ever imposed on a Test player - by wip-ing out Jones from behind in the early stages of an ugly afternoon at Ellis Park and he remains the unashamed "enforcer" of the

Springbok pack.
Eastern Province have notleft it at that. Heonie le Roux. one of South Africa's most gifted midfield playmakers and a certainty for the Test series, has also accepted an invitation to play, as has Sam Scott-Young. a Wallahy hard nut of some distinction who was getting uoder the skin of Lions tourists as long ago as 1989. Far from being a gentle leg-stretcher, as the word "invitation" originally suggest-ed, this match is fast developing into a no-holds-barred

statement of Bokke intent. Fran Cotton, the Lions manager, reacted to the news of Wiese's temporary switch from Transvaal with admirable re-

Chris Hewett reports from Durban on an early date with the hardest Springbok of all

ness levels are coming along," he said, well aware that Wiese has not played since suffering severe concussion during a Super 12 match with Auckland five weeks ago. But there is more to it than that. Far more.

Wiese is one of the key elements in the mind-game milieu of the tonr, as well as the most forbidding physical obstacle confronting the Lions; in the Tests, he will directly oppose Johnson, the visiting captain, and the de-cision of Carel du Plessis, the



Springhok coach, to make him available on day one is a clear anempt to force the pace on the psychological front. With eight games leading into the first Test in Cape Town oo 21 June. Du Plessis job will be made infinitely casier if the provincial sector punches its weight.

Not for the first time, Cotton finished yesterday's training session by calling for new stan-dards of discipline from his squad. Indeed, a four-man disciplinary committee bas been established - the coach, lan McGeechan, and the Scottisb national captain, Rob Wainwright, bave seats along with straint. "It looks to me as Johnson and the manager - and though the South Africao se- any serious misdemeanour ei- again.

lectors want to see how his fit- ther on or off the pitch could result in the imposition of financial penalties.

"I sincerely hope the committee never has cause to meet," Cotton said, "but we are absolutely determined to ensure that the team stays focused throughout our stay here."

The manager is simply refusing to countenance a repeat of events towards the eod of the last Lions tour in 1993, when a number of non-lest players ab-rogated all responsibility both before and during the mid-week matches with two New Zealand provinces. Hawkes Bay and Waikato, and produced suitably embarrassing performances in both.

For all that, Cotton is giving the heavy-handed sergeant ma-jor approach a wide berth; wisey, he has allowed his players to thrash out their own code of conduct - there is no ban on alcohol, for example, but anyone found drinking at an inappro-priate time is likely to feel the wrath of his fellow tourists - and has also implemented a system whereby senior squad members act as the management's barometer, passing on news and views from the rank and file at weekly meetings.

"Alcohol has its place on a rugby tour," said Wainwright with his customary air of polished sanity. "It can break down inhibitions for a start. You have to remember that for many of us rugby is the only thing we have in common; we have little common experience outside of the game, few common interests. Kept within reasonable. bounds, a drink or two helps the

process of familiarisation." And if the odd beer fails to iron out any prohiems that might arise, the Lions can always make use of a visit to Robbeo Island planned for later in the tour. Presumably, Cotton will be counting them out aod counting them back in



#### Rowell wants quality time all the time from Catt

Nick Greenstock, the Bath lock

Martin Haag, and the Harle-

quins flanker Rory Jenkins earn

immediate chances, while oth-

England are seeking a dynamic display from their stand-off Mike Catt wheo they kick off their six-match Argentinian tour against the national champions, Cordoba, tonight, Jack Rowell, the England coach, wants Catt to reproduce the form which dazzied Wales and helped clinch England's Triple Crown. Rowell said, "We still need to

button up the No 10 position, and Mike must show us the Wales performance wasn't a one-off.

We need him to string together quality performances. Mike still has a distance to go in terms of England, but showed, after we left him out during the Five Na-tions, that he is capable of bouncing back."

Cart, the Bath playmaker, steps into England's key role, having sat out all bar 80 minutes of the Five Nations campaign. when a recalled and revitalised

Paul Grayson took over. Rowell has set his 30-man

squad the "minimum require-ment" of winning every match the prolific Gloucester points er, has withdrawn from Scotscorer, and the Saracens captain against Argentina's amateurs, a Tony Diprose - are in the wings. feat previous England parties in 1981 and 1990 could not man-ENGLAND & Cordoba, today's J Matinder (Salet, J Steinfatholme (Bath), N Greenstock (Wasps), P age. Rowell supports the theory of his captain, Phil de Glanville, that Test places are up for grabs. The Sale full-back Jim Mallinder, the Wasps centre

land's six-match tour of Southern Africa. He will be replaced by Hawick's Tony Stanger.

Glen Wilson, a 20-year-old Wakefield and England Studeots forward, has been severely cautioned by the Rugby Football Uoion after testing positive for a banned stimulant in March. He admitted taking medication which contained the stimulant pseudoephedrine.

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## INDEPENDENT

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After 40 weeks of scintilating action, today we are publishing the final league table from The Independent Fantasy Football game 1996/97 sponsored by Philips Energy Saver light bulhs.

.The final team market and scores were published on Wednesday 14th May and Sunday 18th May. Today we are printing the top fifty league table which shows the overall top scoring Independent Fantasy Football managers and their teams for the duration of the Premiership season, August 17 to Sunday May 11.

Congratulations to all the entries who appear in the final league table and especially to Mr Peter Frankental of Upper Tollington Park, London who finished with three teams in the top ten. Having led for the major part of the season, Mr Frankental's team Jose Marti has finally clinched the title and in doing so became the only team break the 1000 point barrier with an overall score of 1025.

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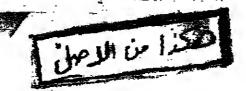


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8	MR WILLIAM BARR	KRUEGER EC	955
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## Revoque in a run for the money

makers, believe Chapple-Hyam

will win his fourth Curragh

Guineas in the last six years fol-

lowing the exploits of Rodrigo De Triano, Turtle Island and

Spectrum, and reduced Revoque to 5-4 from 7-4 for his mission. Cashmans then go 5-1 Desert King and Zamindar.

The boys at Mantoo may

soon be able to sneak in a few

lie-ins as the boss is away on for-

eign sorties. Panama City and Single Empire represent Chap-

ple-Hyam in Sunday's Italiao Derby, while Voyagers Quest is a runner in the French Derby.

Goodwood's contribution to Epsom's equivalent may be

Grapeshot, who won the Predominate without exactly giving himself a stitch yesterday. He

has yet to fully wriggle into the probable category however. The Sussex Downs were a de-

pressing backdrop to yesterday's

fare as clouds took their leave of Trundle Hill only just before

racing. Grapeshot nevertheless managed to geoerate lather on his belly in the parade ring and another disastrous indication for

paddock judges was that Run-

ning Stag too was spotted with

moisture. The sweaters went oo

syndicate of eight including

Boh and Gina Goldhammer,

the Dunkin' Doouts franchise

holders. The cooditions may have been dreary for most, but for Mr Goldhammer they were pure bliss. "This is a beautiful

place compared with New York City," he said. "I think Luca

[Cumani, the winning trainer]

Cumani is not happy about

running at Epsom, though. "In

a normal year and an opeo Der-

by I would say let's go, but in a year like this when the first two

spots aren't available it might be tempting to think again," he said.

"Grapeshot always looked like a horse who would stay and to-

day gave an indication that one

and a half miles shouldn't be a

problem. But I take the view that

the Derby is a foregone conclu-

sion. It's a two-horse race with Entrepredeur in froot and

Cumani's is a popular as-sumption, but John Reid vo-

calised better the foibles of the turf. "It doesn't often go the way

the story is written and if it did there would be oo bookies and

usual to hear people predicting

that the first and second in one

race will fill the same places in another, especially when they're both Classics. It doesn't usual-

ly go by the book."

Revoque chasing him."

will be very happy."

Grapeshot is owned by a

to fill the frame.

Racing

RICHARD EDMONDSON reports from Goodwood

A dramatic performance turned round the Classic picture yesterday. The Goodwood executive would have hoped their Predominate Stakes, which they continue to purport is a Derby trial, was the vehicle for the transformation but the defini-tive action came in the even more sparsely populated arena

of a morning gallop at Manton.
Revoque was the figure head
in Wiltshire, shrugging off his
trademark morning lethargy to
establish himself as a definite contender for both the Irish 2,000 Guineas on Sunday and the Derby. Less shimmering targets will be considered for his

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Bowden Rose (Goodwood 2.40) NB: Rokeby Bowl (Goodwood 3.40)

galloping partner, Romanov. They've both been declared for the Irish Guineas but Revoque will run," Peter Chapple-Hyam, who trains the colts, said. "Revoque is in very good form and it is all systems go with him for

the Curragh and then Epsom. "Romanov will run in Ireland only if something goes wrong with Revoque. They worked very well, John Reid rode Romanov and one of the lads was on Revoque because he is so lazy

time from Call

at home and oeeds knowing." This was welcome news to Reid, "I'm pleased he's running in Ireland because I think he'll win," he said. "It woo't be detrimental to his Derby chance because he's tough and he'd oeed a gallop on a race-track anyway so why oot get paid for having a run? It's oot as if he's had a hard life. He's been dossing at home all winter so it's time he got out and did something."

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GOODWOOD

2.40: High numbers may hold sway

feel he has been unlucky not to get his head in front this season. Mud-

DERBY (Epsom, 7 June): Count event En-represeur, 5-1 Revoque, 7-1 Silver Potrierch, 8-1 Bertry The Dip, 14-1 Grapestrot, 16-1 Fehrs: Ladbroices: 4-5 Enterpreseur, 5-1 Revoque, 7-1 Bertry The Dip, 8-1 Silver Po-trierch, 18-1 Fahrit & Grapestrut; Waltens Hitt-evens Enterpreseur, 5-1 Revoque, 7-1 Silver Patrierch, 8-1 Bertry The Dip, 18-1 Fehris, 20-1 Granestrat. HYPERION'S in this sprint, with Sea-Deer's favourable draw giving this eight-year-old a fine opportunity to reward followers who have a right to

loving Sir Joey is drawn well enough to deliver his customary late thrust, but this rain-softened surface will also suit PURPLE FLING, saddled 3.40: A very tricky handicap, par-ncularly with Henry Cecil running two useful types in General As-sembly and Benatom. The Ian by course specialist Gerald Cottrell. ing trained Rokety Bowi certainly enters the reckyning - but any 3.10: Meshhed possesses the best credentials on two-year-old form hul she displayed a strong temaffect his chance. In contrast, Air hui she displayed a strong temperament too. Roger Chariton's stable has struck form this week and MAID OF CAMELOT, unraced as a invenile, could be best here.

a fivenile, could be best here.

2.10: 1. WASP RANGER (I Quern) 13-2; 2. Selfish 11-10 tm; 3. Star Invader 11-8. 4 ran. rk, 5. (P Cole, Whatcombe). Totac 55.20. Duel Forecast: £2.90. Computer

Straight Forecast: £12.80. 2.40: 1. CAPTAIN COLLINS U Rekit 9-2: 2.40: 1. CAPTAIN COLLINS U Reid: 9-2: 2. Zainna 6-1: 3. José Nick: 11.4 fav. 7 ran. str.-nd, 4. (P Chenple-Hyern, Marton), Totas: 55.20: 52.70; 52.90. DF: 520.60. CSF: 526.12. Tricast: 573.34. Tho: £16.20. NRs. Assume, Papite. After a stewards' inquity, the

a juvenile, could be best here.

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£1.60, DF: £2.20, CSF: £3.56, NF: Bon's Fet. 21.00, UF: 22.20, GSF: 23.30, GSC (COTS) PE. 3.40; 1. GRAPPSHOT U Reid 2-1 fev; 2. Raming Stag 12-1; 2. ST6-Take 9-2; 6 ran. 27, 1. ft. Currien, Newmarket). Totas £3.00; £1.80, £4.70. Dual Forecast: £16.60, CSF.

£22.29.
4.10: 1. GOLD SPATS () Reio) 100-30 fav.
2. Sharp Shuffle 10-1: 3. Oreay 8-1. 11.
rah. 2. 1%. (M. Stoute, Newmarket). Totac £4.90: £2.40, £2.90, £2.20. DF: £32.70.
CSF: £34.93. Tricast: £235.11. Tric: £96.10.



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RACING RESULTS 4.45: 1. MONAASSIR (D O'Donohoel 8-6 fav; 2. Jayannpee 5-1; 3. Growded Avenue 7-2, 5 ran. hd, 5. (E Durlon, Newmarket). Toba: £1.80; £1.20, £1.50, DF; £3.30. CSF; £6.20.

Placepot: £188.70. Quadpot: £5.40. Place 8: £312.65. Place 5: £28.51.

2.25; 1. ROYAL DREAM (P Fassey) 2-1 fay; 2. Hopefully 5-2; 2. Miss Boveled 5-1. 9 ran. 6, 11/4. U Berry, Cockerham). Total: £3.90; £1.70, £1.10, £1.90, Duel Forecast:

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3.25: 1 JACK THE LAD (R Floret) 11-4 3-200 L. Juni Inc. Lutu (R Partico) 11-4 for; 2. Kala Sunrise 9-2; 3. High Premium 7-2, 9 zm. ¼, 1. U Hethiegan, Melton). Tole: 53.60; 51.70, 53.60, £1.80. Dual Forecast; 515.60, Computer Straight Forecast; £15.73.

Can Can Lady 9-2; S. Sponine 20-1. & rise, 34, six-hd. (Mrs J Ramaden, Thirsio, Total: £2.40; £1.30, £1.10, £4.90; Dual Forecast: Tricast: £81.15.

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4,252.1 RAHHA (G Caree) 8-1; 2. Wood-beck 9-1; 3. Round Robin 9-I. 6 res. 1-3-fev Shawm (4th. 1½, 4. (H Armstrong, New-market). Tota: £6.00; £1.80, £4.00. Dust Forenast: £43.60. Computer Stelight Forenast: 75.08. Non Rumers: Party Romanca, Van

Chino. 5.00: 1. YA MALAK (Alex Greenes) 3-1; 2. SLUCE L TO MALAN (ARC (REMOS) 3-1; 2. Tudeo 13-8 fav. 3. Danne B-1. 5 ran. 2, 14. (D Nichols, Thiss). Tota: 53.00: 52.20, £1.20. Duel Forecast: £2.90. Computer Straight Forecast: £7.85. Placepot: £163.00. Quedpot: £45.80, Place 6: £76.29, Place 5: £56.37.

#### GOODWOOD

3.10 Meshhed

HYPERION 3.40 Rokeby Bowl 2.40 PURPLE FLING (nap) 4.10 Orange Place 4.45 Indian Missile (nb)

GOING: Coud to Soft in straight; round course - Good.

STALLS: Straight course - stands role; round course - lastic (except Int 4f - rounded).

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best for 0f, & 7f to 10f.

Right-hand course with sharp bench and gradients.

Ricercourse in north of Chichester between ACS0 and ACS5. Chichester railway station (London Victoria) is 4.5 miles away. ADMISSION; Richmond Enclosure £10, Corrion Enclosure £10 (corrected £5), Public Enclosure 51.1 (accompanied under-17s free). CAR
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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS; None,
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Alcalin (2.40) & Purple Fling (2.40) have been sent 134 andres by L G Cottrell from Dallerd, Devan.

2.10 METSA-SERLA PAPERBOARD LTD MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £7,000 added 3YO fillies 7f

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OOUBILE BOUNCE finished a three-length second of 30 behind Cosstal Traffic in the 1996 Stewards Cup with Sir Joey (8th better off) a length and a quarter back in third and floid Effort 22nd. He hasn't reced since an unbiased effort at Accot in September but he has give in first time up before and can lead the way home on the stands side. Sir Joey also looks capable of another bold shreing after his half-length defeat by Pernyston View in a feel of , 29 at Newmarket 1.8 days ago. See-Doer, supported from 10-1 to 11-2 favouritie, firshed two necks and half a length behard Sir Joey in 10th with Oggl < 1701\* (winner of a 17-numer race at Leocatier on his reappeapence) 10th, Warning Time 21th, hadfan Refairtive 26th and Mainter Planner 27th. There is little to choose between Sir Joey and See-Doer with the latter's 38b put but Pat Murphy's numer can have the edge, Mand and Varnishing Day were both implaced to Russan Music at Warwick but will be litter that time, Apollid Red, a most consistent type, and Kildee Lad, a course winner over the furtings in 1995 and beaten less then a kingth by Imaach at Bath 10 days ago, can also figure.

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	3.10	TRIPLEPRINT LUPE STAKES (LISTED) (CLASS A) £25,000 added 3YO fillies 1m 2f	396
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- 8 thechand BETTPHI: 9-4 Mosthbod, 7-2 Prienn, 5-1 Dunt Dancer, 21-2 Maid Of Cannelot, 7-1 Lycilley, 10-1 Dun-del, 18-1 Keyboogie.

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del, 18-1 Reybodgie.

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Ben Honbury's numer MESHHED - the filty who body injured Willie Carson when she locked him at Newbury last September - was beaten a tength and a half by Elegant Warning on her introduction at Newmarken last October, going on to an easy Redear victory when a 2-1 on chorne 12 days afterwards. She wintered in Dubes and is reported in good stage for her return. Roger Charlton runs Meld Of Carnetot (Terry Sprake) and Keyboogle (John Reid). Maid Of Carnetot was racing for only the second since when gizzing home by three parts of a length from Natural Eight of Bath three weeks ago and will git better, though Natural Eight let the furn down when a notpot and a saven-length thret to the Chahron-trained River hot on a return to the Somersat track on Monday. Keyboogle was going well two our but weekened in the final futiong when a nine-length seventh of 19 to Rool Kat Kotic at Newbory live weeks ago. The man threat may come from the kool fax Robie yard of David Loder, who backles Priesta. This filly goes to poot as the winner of her only start to fax, storming home by seven lengths with odds of 7-4 laid on at Redear last September. She is Relay to be sharp enough despite the 236-day absence. Dest Denocer locked in need of further when winning a Lencester marken eight weeks ago on her return and a another bound to improve.

3	40	ABN AMRO RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £15,000 BBC added 1m 6f	2
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5		BAHAMAN SUNSANE (USA) (MS1) (D) (Lucator Stati R Alcentes 8 9 2 T Octor 3 1	
8	01160	REPUATOM (DSA) (215) (CD) (Mr T i Harris) H Cecil 4 9 2	96
7		GENERAL ASSEMBLY (17) HAR H Proce Ford Salmani H Cool 5 9 0 K Pallon 2	
8		HALE-ANA-MOU (LO) (C) (C) So Broth Springers O Elegant: 48 13 Dane O'Nell 4 1	
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BETTING: 100-30 General Assembly, 5-1 Robelty Borel, 11-2 Benatow, 6-1 Snow Print Ara-Mos, 8-2 Air Queet, Behaviles Sanstilos, 9-1 Jyesth, 12-2 Royal Scholter 1996: Prosson Blue 4-9 2 W Ryon 4-1 (H Cacil) drawn (4) 6 ran

PORM GLMDE

Rokeby Bowl fireshed tirrd, at a length and a half, to Valedicory at Newmarket 17 days ago but the one who caught the eye in that race - his first for 592 days - was GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The five-year-old, a stablemate of that water, not suprisingly looked in need of the outing but led breity nearing the time-furiong marker before tack of condition told, firsting a couple of lengths admit of Rokeby Bowl in fifth, bly selection, who had won on his previous start - at Chester in September of 1995 - will be a different proposition with

that recent race behind him. Cecil also has a couple of runners this time with Beneform in the line-up. This four-year-old scored three times in 1996, including over course and distance at the big meeting last August when deleating Mental Pressure is length and three-quarters. Beneform hash traced ence functing gated off at Newmerket last October but would be a threat if back man hash traced ence functioning scheduling finished three lengths in front of General Assembly (third) when short headed by Sebaston at HO in 1995 but was some way behind him in Valedictory's race. Show Princess finished tabled off in the Chester Cup on the respiperance but scored hidre last term, including a Listed pate at Italy, and she was runner-up to Celenc in the Northumberland Plate. Byous got off the man in a York handicap last September and hacked up over an exempled byo and a quarter miles at Yamouth. He was one of the florunters for the Caseasunth but finished 12th after being eased once beaten and will be stratiguer for his outing in the Sagare at Asport three weeks ago — his list since finishing down the field to Orchestra Stall at Newmarket last November. Air Queet, full-brother to 1990 Defly winner Queet for Fame, made a winning dicbut at Newtoury last season but beat only one home when market leader for the Chester Vase on his only other run last term and is in his first handicap after finishing well beaten in the John Porter on his return.

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ORANGE PLACE, whose single success of lest season was over seven furlongs of this course on soft going, can return to the winner's clack following his third of 18 behind Albert The Beer on desperate ground at Chester but weeks ago – Stell's Rattarn and Oberon's Deut: a long way behind. Hurtdeberry won on the Lingled Equiptick in January and totiowed with a close-up third to Tables and Chewt on the same surface on 1 March. A winner at Salesbury as a two-year-old, Hurtleberry has an 81-day absence to overcome but is likely to be fit enough with Frankle Detion booked for the ride. Battarhaf, whose three wins so far have all been on Equiptick, was beatisn a head by Pengamon on that surface 12 days ago but was a long way adnit of Hurtleberry in Tables's race. Thatchmeather was a consistent type in 1996 but hasn't been seen since a third of 20 to subsequently demonded Mystic Dawn over course and distance in September and would prefer a tester surface.

4.45	EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS MAIDEN STA D) £6,000 added 2YO 6f	KES (CLASS
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	SHADOW OF DOUBT (hir R E Sangaler) P Chapple-Hyam 9 0 SASSY (Mr L Fust) A Janus 8 9	W 1.000 comer 3
	SOLO SPERII (Mrs   Hampson) / Jenkos B 9	R Ffrench (5) S
	SUPACALIFRAGE ISTK (Ar W J Gredley) C Britain B 9	Doyle 8

SETTING: 5-2 Arpeggio, 11-4 Indian Missie, 3-1 Shadow of Doubt, 10-1 Carmuse, 12-1 Supacel Bragillatic, 20-1 Basic Style, Sessy, 25-1 others. 1996: Falkenham 2 9 0 T Quinn 4-1 (P Coley Grann (1) 9 cm

1998: Fallenheri 2 9 0 T Quim 4-1 (P Coley drawn I.) 9 on PORM CUIDE.

Thus can go to the newcorner SHADOW OF DOUBT. A son of good sprinter Pip's Pride, Shadow Of Doubt is out of that good winner-producing mare Sarah Siddons and was an IRBS\_000gris purchase. Appendix, when was a 4,000gris fool and made 30,000gris when resold as 8 yearling, was inched out by Second Wind at the Newmarket Craven meeting and, bound to progress as a result of the expenence, could run the selection close. Basic Style, the only other to have raced, has taken a walk in the betting in both his outlings, finishing impliced behind Smooth Saling at Sandown and Prince Foley at Lingslid, However, Newtile Cattagran's colt will improve. John Durvop's Indian Misster, a 68,000gris son of Indian Ridge, is hell-brother to several witners in Germany and Ireland. Mick Channon's Carrowse, by good sorinter Petong, was a 23,000gris as a yearing and is out of a mare related to smort speedsprinter Petong, was a 23,000gris as a yearing and is out of a mare related to smort speed-

#### WORCESTER

HYPERION

2.20 Mazamet 2.50 Prime Of Life 3.20 Destin D'Estruval 3.50 Stay With Me 4.20 Who is Equiname 4.55 Lewesdon Manor 5.25 Blazer

Left-hand course, level with long straights, casy turns and a ■ Left-hand course, level with long straights, easy turns and a one furiong run-in.

■ Course is on the A443 by the River Severn. Worrester (Porspate St) issuion im. ADMISSION: Members \$12.56; Tablersalls \$5.50; Conres £5 (CAP \$22.50), CAR PARE Prec.

BLINKPERD PIEST TIME Little-Nipper (8.15); Maxemet (visited 2.20), WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS; Nurse.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Never in Debt (5.25), Jay Ess Ess (2.50) sent 172 miles by A Hobbs from Hendham, Dewon.

2.20 EARLS CROOME JUVENILE NOVICE HUR-DLE (CLASS E) £2,925 4YO 2m

2.50 (CLASS E) £2,925 2m 4f 200744 PRIME OF LIFE (11) Descrip 7 11 10. S Mod 200723 SKOUX TO SPEAN (12) Mas H Yolgh 5 11 8 J F TO PRIMAL HELD ME MAN (14) BY B Model 9 11 4 July J L Lines 45-643 JAY EM ESS (MC) (61) (RF) A Hotol 8 11 1 R Green P433 GENERALX (16) S Mator 4 10 13 ....

3.20 BREWERY TRADERS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 4f 110yds

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7 PAPP BO RINGWS BEST (15) (b) G Northern 6 120 R Johnson
4 SALA1 MALIDI (15) (5) G Gendello 8 10 13 R Dunneddy
4 11/0PP LITTLE-NPPER (21) R Small 12 10 1 C Mande B
BETTING 4-6 Destin D'Estraval, 13-8 Mailel, 10-1 Bo Knows Best, 20-

6 OPC14J DALLY SPORT GRE. P2) DB 8 Licenshin 8 10 6\_Mar J L Licenshin 7 P22F3 CLASSIC PAL (13) EXH N Machet 6 10 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ D Signat 7 feedbard - 7 feedbard - 7 feedbard - 8ETTENC: 2-1 Stay With Me. 3-1 Above The Cat, 5-1 Classic Pal, 8-1 Coura groots Knight, Dally Sport Glot, 8-1 Faster Carry, 20-1 Green Lane 4.20 HANDLEY CASTLE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,075 2m 7f 110yds RETYING: events Dranan Rice, 6-4 Who is Equipment, 10-1 Correpositio, 14-1 Babasani, Mr Campon, Kallytho, 33-1 others 4.55 SHRAWLEY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) (DIV I) £1,500 2m

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8		STORBERLL SORS P Bowen 5 11 4	Committe (
7 8	6-00	TRYMYPLY (18) H Webb 5 11 4	
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13		NESS BUIES SEMBER (45) A Chamberlein 4 -13 decisred -	

BETTENS: 9-4 Water, 3-1 Andrometi, 5-1 Never to Debt, 5-1 Minibelle, 10-1 Starobik Stag, 16-1 Starobich, Rysopply, Senona Lane, How To Rose, 20-1 others

D DUNGANNON LAD CLES W.G.M. Turner 6 11 4, N. Williamston (7)	9 DUNISTON QUEEN (*238) S FEEDS 4 10 9
DOA FRANKE MUCK (7) N Twiston-Dawes 5 11 4 C Uswellyn	BESTRAG: 5-4 Timidiar, 4-1 Bream Jumine, 11-2 Single Sourcing, 7-1 Sep-
5 HELTS ELECTRIC (LE) T Keddy 5 11 4	phire See, Toroja, 25-1 Transitio Major, Wondlands Lad 7co, China Lal,
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ROYAL TOAST N Herdenon 511 4 R Kawanaga	
62 - STIR ADVENTURE (AB) ) Burs 5 11 4 Mins E James	CE EET DRAUGHT BASS NOVICE H'CAP REMOVE
0 SRISKOL BOLD (11) P Feigra 4 10 13 Sulbert (7)	6.55 DRAUGHT BASS NOVICE HCAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000
ESPERANÇA IV (FR) M.J. Roberts 5 10 13	3m 110yds
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ARCTIC AFFAIR K Morgan 4 10 8	1 485021 BIR CHRISTIE (14) (CD) Miss L School 5 120R Democracy
7-4 The Village Way, 11-2 Branshaw Wood, 6-1 Double Star,	2 P11441 PALACE OF GOLD (11) Liungo 7 113
Total, 5-1 Frankie Mark, 12-1 Lawrence Manor, 14-1 others	4 P1111 QUITE A MAN (26) (C) S Brookstew 9 10 11
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SHRAWLEY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE	A Union
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U COOLEST BY PHAR (103) Miss P White 5 11 4	BESTEVE: 12-4 Quite A Man, 4-1 Mr Christie, Mairie, 6-1 Paince Of Gold,
MOSSY BUCK M J Roberts 511.4	Chill Factor, Little Tinchers, 14-1 Kathellou, 20-1 Royrace
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STORMALL SURS P Boven 5 11 4 L Carriers (7)	725 CAPTRETS BOSH ALE HANDILAP
00 TRYNYPLY (18) H Wath 5 11 4	CHASE (CLASS C) £6,300 3m 2f
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5 METERS LE (2) O Williams 5 10 13 M Charles	4 5-8022 ANDESMATT (4) (0) (BF) J Macrile 10 10 11
OD LARY ROCO (11) FOrms 4 109	5 6FF512 BROGEEN LADY (9) D Gardollo 7 10 3

- B declared Minimum weight: 10st. True handlesp neight: Thermal Warrior Set 120.
SETTENC: 51-4 Andersontt, 4-1 Mr Boston, Broghen Lady, 5-2 James Phys.

NEW OF AUROLES

HYPERION

6.10 Jenzsoph 6.40 Phar Too Touchy 7.10

Nordic Breeze 7.40 Philip's Woody 8.10 Hold-

MISSION: Tattersalls 510; Course 55, Accompanied under-16e free, CAE PARE: On rails 51.50, remained free, ELINEERED FIRST TIME: Peter Monany (6.10).
WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE, None.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAIS; None. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Fight To Who (6.40) has been sen

144 miles by L Grassick from Winchcombe, Gloues, Philip's Woody (7,40) sent 133 miles by N Henderson from Lambourn, Berks.

6.10 J C MILTON ELECTRICALS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D)

334USP HOLY WANDERSER (38) T George 8 11 11....Mr R Morgan (7) 324222 PETER MONWAY (18) (G) (SF) M Pice 5 11 2 ... A P MicCoy V

SETTRIG: 6-4 Defendinerasion, 7-4 Jeszsopis, 7-2 Peter Monsony, 10-1.

6.40 HOWARD & SPENCER MEM-

(CLASS H) £1,400 3m 2f 110yds

-15532 EXPRESSMENT (10) Mass A Ross 13 12 0 ... Mr & Panishi (7)

11-U11 PHAR TOO TOUCKY (14) V Dermal 10 11 12 Mr N Hambs (7) 516453 ALPHA ONE (50) O Bassest 12 11 7 \_\_\_ Miles K Di Morte (7)

\_Nr D Alors-Hanksy (7)

3534-3 BUZZ O'THE CROWD (25) Was A Handel 10 11 7....

LYSFUPP TOWES CERNING STAR (11) O Carter 9 12 0 .....

miclose 8.40 Cooley's Valve

GOTNG: Good (Good to Solt in places).

Left-hand, sharp, course with short run-in.

£3.650 2m 6f

1995 - will be a different proposition with ster lina's Pet.	Selection: STADOW OF DOUBT
	7.55 HOOPER'S HOOCH CONDITIONAL JOCK-
UTTOXETER	G) £2.375 2m
HYPERION	1 0302/0 MASSIES LAD (27) P Cales 9 11 10 P Midgley
6.25 Timidjar 6.55 Nahla 7.25 Brogeen Lady 7.55	2 36P01P KALZARI (26) (D) A Caroli 12 11 9 7 Hogger (5)
Witherkay 8.25 With Impunity 8.55 Camp Head	3 603464 NEVER SO BILLE (150 f0) P Bodev 6 11 8
	R Wildreson (3)
GOING: Good.	4 5/0236 OUR EDIDE (7) K Wingrove 811 7
Left-band course, Run-in of 170yd.	5 00460 MISDLARK (F11) J Notion 5 11 d
Course is SE of nown near B5017. Unoxeter station (Derby-	8 035254 CADDY'S FIRST (16) S M-Ror 5 11 6C Webb V
Crewe line) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club 516 (OAPs \$12); Tattersalle \$10 (OAPs \$7); Course \$3, CAR PARK: Free.	7 BP-504 BLATANE OUTBURST (F2B) (D) Mics S Wilton 7 11 4
BLINERED FIRST TIME: Nebud [1.55]; Blutant Outloarst, Our	8 000035 FOLLOW DE CALL (15) O McCom 7 11 2 A Egen (5)
Eddle (visored, 7,56).	9 0033 WITHERMAY (B) P Nicholis 4 10 13 L Commins (3)
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.	10 330630 STRIFE A-POSE (14) (D) 8 Lievelyn 7 10 9
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Sampline Son (6.25) has been rem	Michael Brown
200 rules by P Clarke from Ashburnham, East Smeet; Palace Of	11 0-P000 SDCCER BALL (18) T Watson 7 10 4 D J Kannang
Gold (6.55) & Phumbob (8.25) sent 190 miles by L Lungo from Cur-	11 /TPPSF BERNIPLACE (18) (D) 9 Date 7 10 4 G Lee
nutherstown, Duminies; Gamey (8.65) sent 183 miles by N 9 Mitchell	13 POPPO ORINOCO VENTURE (14) A Belley B 10 1X Akaroro (5) 8
from Piddlerrenthide, Dorret.	14 00007 PREMIER STAR (F162) K Wington 7 100 Power (5
	15 000P-0 VERRO (FS) K Bishon 10 10 0
6.25 CARLING BLACK LABEL MAIDEN	16 D44-00 LADY LOSS (19) 8 Presco 6 10 0
HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m	17 O/P-4P NEBAAL (25) G Barrett 7 10 0
1 OH SAPPHERE SON (7) P Clarke 511 5	- 17 declared -
2 ALC-PP SEEGLE SOURCESES (5) (27) Miss H Knight 6 11 5 Collecty	Minimum weight 10st. True handlean weight: Premier Ster & Verro 9st 13th
3 OS RIRALA (67) N Chance 5 11 5 D Losby	Lady Los & Nebsel 9st 8to.
4 P TRENTSEDE MAJOR (14) C Smith 5115	BETTING 9-2 Hatant Outburst, 11-2 Kaizari, Never So Blue, 13-2 Cad
5 PPPODO WOODLANDS LAD TOO [12] P Priestand 5 11 5R Ballanay	dy's First, 8-1 Our Eddle, Withorlmy, 10-1 Maggles Lad, Modlack, Follow
6 PU CHENA LAL (39) A Banky 5 11 0	de Call, Strike-A-Pose, 33-1 others
7 60F4P2 KENYIN JAMINE (29) P Richers 8 11 0	
8 6032 YMMDIAR (IA) O Gardolo 4 11 0 R Durwoody 8	O DE CARLING PREMIER NOVICE CHASE
9 DURISHON QUEEN (F236) B Precis 4 10 9	
- 9 declared - BETTIMG: 5-4 Tankijar, 4-1 Broks Jamine, 11-2 Single Sourcing, 7-1 Sap-	
phire Son, Toroja, 25-1 Trustside Major, Woodlands Lud 7ce, Chica Lut,	1 161213 BRIGHTER SHADE (14) (BF) Mrs M Raveley 7 11 11
Denston Queen	P Nivos
And Anti-	2 5-P102 WITH IMPUNETY (11) (BF) P Microlls 8 11 6
C EE DRAUGHT BASS NOVICE HCAP COLON	3 5F42PF ASTRAL INVASION (11) (C) T Well 8 11 0
HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000	4 069/22 MASTER CRUSADER (16) 0 Williams 11 11 0
3m 110yds	Mr 6 Durack (7)
	5 3/PP44 MERITY MERC (21) Mts 8 Brood 9 11 0
1 465021 MR CHRISTIE (14) (CD) Mas L Siddel 5 12 0 R Denotody 2 P11441 PALACE OF GOLD (11) Liungh 7 11 3 R Supple	8 2-4262 PLUNIBOB (11) L. Lungo B 11 0
3 40-322 MAHLA (12) (BF) 8 De Haser T 11 1 S Custan	-7 declared -
4 P1111 QUITE A MAN (26) (C) 5 Bookstew 9 10 11	BETTING: 9-4 Brighter Shade, 21-4 With Imposity, 7-2 Phombob, 6-1 Brisis
5 403406 CHILL FACTOR (11) Mis M Reveley 7 10 7	park Rose, 8-1 Mester Crasader, 10-1 Astrol Invasion, 50-1 Mighty More
6 123163 LITTLE THICTURE (217) (D) Mrs 1 Malroes Skirner 7 10 2	
7 OPSP55 ROYRMCE (7) W M Brisbourne 5 10 0 R Missery (5) 8 30402R KARBALLOU (SS) K Wingone 8 10 0 Air S Disrack (7)	8.55 WORTHINGTON NOVICES HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,650 2m 4f 110yds
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- 11 declared -

#### AYR

HYPERION 2.30 One Singer 3.00 Palacegate Jack 3.30 Italtan Symphony 4.00 Sing And Dance 4.30 Bea's Ruby 5.05 Running Green

GOING: Soft. STALLS: Straight course – stands sufe; II – irelde; rest – outside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 51 & 6f. DEAW AUVANTATIONS

Left-band galloping course.

Course is E of town on ATSR, Ayr station (service from Glasses) I m. ADMISSION: Chib & Grandstand 17 (OAPs half-price).

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ELDIERRED FIRST TIME: Good Day (\$1.30).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Gorelaid (\$1.00) won at
Haudion on Samurby.
Haudion on Samurby.

Hamilton on Sauroley. LOPES-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Edge: Time (4.30) has been seen 300 miles by 2 Hambury from Newscarkes, Soffolk; Madfiap (4.30) seen 380 miles by Sir M Prescott from Newscarkes, Suffolk.

2.30 EBF AYR MAY NOVICE STAKES (CLASS D) £4,550 added 2YO 5f 

5 0 LBHEISHMS (23) 6 Carbys 8 7 R Partner (7) 2 8 SELRINK ROSE Mes L Partni 8 7 0 SOLD SONN (127) 0 Notes 8 7 1 Branchill (5) 1 7 0 SOLD SONN (127) 0 Notes 8 7 1 Branchill (5) 1 857TUNG: 7-4 Vice Presidential, 5-2 One Singer, 3-1 Heavenly Abstrac, 6-1 Reby Walsky, 18-1 Selfort Rose, 33-1 others 3.00 BALLANTRAE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f

O Urbina 7 8
7 0-0000 EICH GLDW (12) (CD) N Sport 58 4 S Drown 5
8 330-30 READY REDDY (13) Mass L Perent 4 8 3 J Cerrol 4
9 05000 LORD CORRELIOUS (28th 0 Noteo 4 7 10 J Brambill (5) 2
9 declared\*
Minimum weight 7s: Inte. True handlesp weight Lord (correl-ous 7st 1b.
BETTIME 3-1 Governit, 7-2-loss; Buch, 3-2 Cross The Border, 6-1 Princespata lack, 7-1 Leading Princess, 10-1 Ring Of Show, 12-1 others

3.30 FEWWICK MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 1m 2f -85200 MARAD (USA) (28) G Ontrod 5 9 2 \_\_\_\_\_ G Boffield 3 8 BETT MC: 11-2 Alfassan's Math., 7-1 Maris Cavo, 8-1 Hols: 0-5520 6000 DAY (23) C Tromson 3 8 12 \_\_\_ Dean McKevan 1 8 10-1 Be Warnerd, Superpode, Russing Green, 12-1 others

3 00 EIARD A DREAM (11) Als M Revely 3 8 10 ... A Culture 2 4 53-266 HALIAN SYMPHONY (12) M JOYESTO 3 8 8 ...... J Wester 4 - 4 deciared -BETTHS: 4-6 hadan Symphony, 11-4 Good Day, 8-1 Rokad, Games A Dress 4.00 TORRANYARD HANDICAP (CLASS D) 5-2003 SING AND DANCE (28) E Waynes 4 7 10...... F Feelery (5) 3....... B declared -

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52150- MUDRUP (258) (BIT) Sr M Prescott B B \_\_\_\_ C Deficiel 3 C1A2-0 Right TUNE (3-9) 8 Hardbury B B \_\_\_\_\_ M Risener 2

- 6 declared -BETTHRE 2-1 Bee's Ruby, 3-1 Zoon Up, 7-2 Mudfap, 5-1 Brave Moré

5	.05	KILMACDLM HANDICAP (CLASS F) £4,000 added 7f
	5502-3	FINISTERRE (29) 1 1 0 Not 4 9 13 Wester 1
	0-6501	ALLINSON'S MATE (12) (CD) T D Secon 9 9 12. Victoria Applichy (7) 10 B
		BE WATER (15) (0) M Dods 8 9 11
l	000-000	SUPERPRIDE (33) (CD) Ma M RONGEY 5 9 10. A Dament 14
,	0-0204	RUMONINE GREEN (19) O Molfatt 699 "Derros Molfatt (3) 8
	00-0	MARTHEAUE (27) R Bastman 4 9 8
	000-50	SAGEBRUSH BOLLER (LET, (D) ) W Wats 998 6 Duffeld 2
	0540-0	BRANDONNELE (25) N Tinter 4 9 6 Does McKeown 9
	40-000	MISTER WESTSOUND (5.7) (C) Mess L Percet 594

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11	300400	CRANGE BOY (51) N Bycsoft 7 8 11	T Williams 13
12	30-006	MAGIC LAKE (5) (CD) E Alston 4 8 11	5 Drovine 16
13	9-05	ZALOTTO CLOT T Estategon 389	6 Hind 5
14	503-00	TERMON (19) Mass L Perratt 4 8 8	0 Urbins 11
15		READ THE CHEEF (SE (C) M Using 585	
16	00-065	THEN BLUES (13) J Golde 10 8 5	
<u>7</u> 7		HU-ARRIK (5) & Oldroyd 9 7 12	
18		MONTE CAVO (2) M Brown 67 11	
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#53396 18 LAD (7) H Tuch 11 11 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life 8 Shiston (7)
#22912 JUST BEN (12) K Currence 8 11 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_ lifes J Charlego (7)
P3797 KNRTEBOARD (21) P Hosgood 11 11 7 \_\_\_\_\_ life E Williams (7)
— 11 declared -\_\_\_\_\_ BETTING: 10-11 Plan Too Toucky, 8-1 Kino, Some-Toy, Kullebourd, 10-1 Just Bon, 12-1 Expressment, 16-1 Bazz O'The Crowd, 20-1 others

BETTING: 9-4 Morphous, 7-2 Gauge Head, Rythun Rock, 8-1 Pannalya, 10-1 Safesa, Danston Kright, 16-1 Crockmatchill, Gaucey, Remarkic Wes-7.10 COME RACING AT NEWTON ABBOT NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,650 2m 1f BETTING: 1-8 Nordic Breeze, 16-1 Sparkling Buck, 20-1 With Intent, Fi-Course is N of town on A380. Newton Abbot station Im. AD-

	7.40	SPA-TRANS & CHASFORD FC HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C)
1 2		LEOTARD (A.9 Mas V Wilsons 10 11 13
3	222143 15-444	POLDEN PRIDE (16) (ID) G Balang B 10 6

15	110	£4,075 added 2m 110yds	5,
1	43206F	ROBERT'S TOY (1.6) (D) M Pipe 6 11 12	ł
2	P-FOPP	ANOTHER HUBBLICK (74) R Saler 8 11 0	ij
3		FROMCAN FREE (12) G Ham 7 11 0	
4	1-4271	HOLDBHCLDGE (51) (C) 9 Frost 7 11 0 Fro	
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## McGrath profits from sweat and perseverance

ith this year's Ashes series still to get un-derway, Glenn Mc-Grath is prohably not the English housewife's favourite Aussie. That accolade, for the moment at least, helongs to Shane Warne - he of the blond thatch and ripping wrist. Yet all that may be about to change, as McGrath, a man almost unknown in these parts until his repeated scuttling of Brian Lara, takes on England's hatsmen as the undisputed leader of the visitors' pace attack.

Australia have always loved their fast men, lauding them like other countries laud foothallers and pop stars. And yet Mc-Grath, despite taking 100 wick-ets in just 23 Tests (one more than it took Dennis Lillee to reach the same milestone I was not as revered as his record

might suggest.
For that reason, the Lara episode is instructive. In six Test innings last winter, McGrath dismissed the left-handed Trinidadian five times, a feat that at last brought him to the notice of those unused to fawning over sweat and perseverance

as methods of success. But if he had never wilfully drawn attention to himself in the past, the rangy bowler did not eschew it now, even going public to explain to anyone who would listen just how he had managed to do it (the world's seam howlers were all ears, ap-

parently).

Like all plots it was hardly revelatory, and was hatched after something he had spotted in passing rather than by a thinktank sporting shorts and heavy moustaches, huddled round a

The outcome was that Mc-Grath would bowl around the wicket to cut off Lara's scoring options, which is not as simple a strategy as it sounds, though one the tall bony bowler known as "Pigeon" executed to perfection. Then, when he sensed Lara's frustration reaching boiling point, be would toss him something juicy to hit outside the batsman's off stump, and Lara would either edge it behind or carve it to gully.

But wasn't he surprised that such a simple plan had turned the world's most talented batswhy hadn't Lara, given his ex-perience, worked out, that someone had worked him out?

'Brian's a proud man alit. However, his pride dictated that he had to keep going for his shots simply in order to disprove what was happening."

Such unflinching confidence appears to be endemic in Australians, who adapt far quicker to pressure situations than their and bas struggled for wickets. English equivalents. Take for ex- But then, as those who watch

**Derek Pringle** talks to the country boy set to lead the Australian bowling attack this summer against England

West Indies two years ago, when choice seamer behind Craig McDermott, Damien Fleming and Paul Reiffel. Before a ball had been bowled in anger, Mc-Dermott and Fleming were forced home through injury. Suddenly the Pigeon was thrust into the hottest seat in the cauldron - which ended up as the finest seat in the house, with Mc-Grath the leading wicket-taker as the mighty West Indies were

finally toppled from power.
Once again the Aussies had managed to fill a potential chasm in their pace attack. Mc-Grath, sensing his opportunity, had performed as if to the

"Well, I'd only played six Shield games before playing my first Test, so I guess I knew

'I'm not really sure why I did what I did, but looking back now it does seem bloody cool'

always wanted to be the No 1 pacer, the guy Tuhby [Taylor] looks towards to make the breakthrough or howl the bulk of the overs. It's how I prefer it."

Surprisingly, perhaps, to those lamenting the dearth of bowling talent in this country, his success has been hased on the English formula of accuracy and upright seam, albeit one delivered with typical Aussic hostility and a willingness to bowl all day, fn fact there is rarely anything so mystical as swing. Just a precise marriage of thought and deed, performed at a pace a level below such express trains as Wagar Younis and Wasim Akram.

"I've always been a straight bowler, which is a handy thing Darren Gough struggles with on occasion, and why, when things are not going his way, he can be just a tad expensive. "I don't try though f think he began to he to bowl flat out every delivery lieve I had it over bim, as f find it's just as effective to especially after I went public have a quicker ball in the arand the press avalanched over moury as a slower one. I'm learning to be more patient, but bowling can be a frustrating business.

With rain and sluggish pitches dogging the tourists' every move. he has not exactly found the going easy on this tour yet. ample Australia's tour of the him most will reveal, he is a no-

toriously slow starter, who, before this tour began, had only bowled seven overs in English conditions - seven more, it has to be said, than his 21 year-old new ball partner, Jason Gillespie.

To counter that inexperi-ence, he sought the ear of Tony Dodemaide, an Australian bowler who recently played for lor and Steve Waugh, both undertaking their third Ashes

Tony's advice was to howl a fuller length and commit the hatsman forward. He also pointed out the changes Merv Hughes made from the way he bowled two series ago [19 Test wickets] to the way he bowled last time [31 Test wickets]. If I can get close to that I'd he very happy. Mind you," he adds with a grin, "I reckon I'll still be testing out the pitch to see if there is any bounce in it."

Remarkably - something all bickering county chairmen should take note of - McGrath played just a single Shield game for New South Wales last season. "Generally its optional and left down to the player. But with the amount of international cricket we play these days. State cricket doesn't get much of a

He has clearly come a long way, for the luxury of picking his games would have simply had no truck with a country boy like McGrath, hrought up on a sheep and wheat farm in Narromine, a small town in the depths of the New South Wales

Trapped between the Blue Mountains to the west of Sydney and the scorching red interior, it is a place where everyone is on first-name terms and pig shooting is all the rage, though many say the shooters are wilder than the pigs. Not, you might think, the sort

of place in which to find potential Test cricketers. And yet country towns have produced many of Australia's finest, including, as it happens, the cur-rent captain, Mark Taylor, and his opening partner Michael Slater, both of them hailing from Wagga Wagga.

In fact, McGrath first came to notice as an 18-year-old, when Doug Walters, the larrikin former Test batsman, played against him in a Toohey's Cup match in

"I bowled pretty well," Mc-Grath remembers. Strangely, however, even for a fledgling Antipodean quick, he does not recall trying to knock the maestro's block off. "I took it easy on him. I certainly didn't try to kill him," he says. "At least not that time anyway."



not keep it to himself. Within weeks McGrath had received two letters from Steve Rixon, then player-coach at Sutherland a Sydney grade club, and now New Zealand coach. So down to the smoke he went to spend the next 13 months pursuing his dreams of becoming a cricketer, an amhition that necessitated living on his own in a caravan and moving up through the grades with Sutherland.

"It was the first time I'd been away from the country, be recalls. "It was a hit of a struggle but I got through it. I went down there with the intention

The lure of that was simply too strong to get bomesick. I'm not really sure why I did what I did hut looking back now, it

does seem bloody cool." They say Australia is the lucky country and that providing a fellow isn't shy of some hard yakka, he should he ahle to enjoy a high standard of living. McGrath's success has certainly brought that and he has long since swapped his old car-avan for a heachside property in Cronulla, a haven for surfies and a des res for those less inclined towards Sydney's hohemian centre.

take to keep his slender 6ft 4in frame at the top, and he has hired a personal trainer to "lessen the chances of injury". By using weights, sometimes as often as five times a week (Dominic Cork please take note) McGrath has increased his bulk from 12st 11b to 13st 51h and has so far managed to keep both serious injury and anti-inflammatory tablets at bay.

"I just love taking wickets, it's my incentive for playing cricket. Fortunately I don't need much to get me in the mood. I just see that batsman down the other end. That's usually enough."

## Double act of the brothers with attitude

Cricket

They share more than 20 nicknames, most of them exotic, and genuinely cannot wait for both the verbal and physical hattles of an Ashes summer to

Tough, uncompromising, highly talented and with a mission to make their mark in the new-look England set-up, the hrothers Hollioake yesterday gave a demonstration of the super-competitive attitude and spirited sense of fun which Éngland's selectors believe can help surprise the Australians

Adam and Ben, in a knockabout press conference following England's practice at Headingley, claimed they rarely have anything nice to say about each other.

But they both laughed off suggestions that the Aussie players would knock them off their confident stride with insults about deserting their Australian background.

Kent's Perth-raised fast bowler Martin McCague was re-peatedly called "traitor" by Mark Taylor's team in his three Tests against them, after being labelled "the rat who joined the sinking ship" in an Australian

newspaper. Adam, 25, has an up front attitude well-known to Australian players following last winter's England A tour Down Under. which he led with great success. He said: "I was pretty bad when I first started playing, and I regret a few things. But if someone has a go at me then I'm not shy ahout giving it

back. The Aussies like having a word, hut that's their culture. I often do things to wind peo-

Ben added: "There's three things you can do. You can ignore it and let them concentrate on that and not their game which is my way. You can get fired up, which is Adam's way. Or you can crack up un-

Their whole upbringing though, has been in an ideal atmosphere of competition. The many nicknames, too, reveal a bouncy, hard-edged approach to

"We like having a pop at each

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other, and at those around us." Adam said. "We give out nicknames and end up with a lot ourselves. Off the field we rarely say anything nice about each

We are into each other all the time, always haiting each other. On the field, too, we can gee each other up a lot.

We compete at everything always have. The arguments we have had when we've been playing computer games. But the table tennis matches when we were growing up were the

Ben added: "I reckon we never finished a game. It would get to 19-19 and the allegations of cheating would start."

There is a serious side to the Surrey sihlings' rivalry, of course. "Ben has a great natural talent." Adam said. "He's got all the good genes, for sure, and I've had to work much harder to get to this level than he has. But we've both learned our cricket in England and we can't wait to get going,"

#### Pitch thought too \* slow for Lawrence

Gloucestershire, the Championship leaders, have left David Lawrence out of the team to face an unchanged Essex today as the Gloucester wicket, built over an old rubbish tip, will be too slow for the 33-year-old fast bowler.

Lawrence has made a fine return to action after five seasons out with a horrific knee injury. His place goes to former amateur boxer Camran Sheeraz. The champions Leicester-

shire, could welcome back veteran medium-pacer Gordon Parsons in place of spinner Matthew Brimson for the visit of Surrey, who recall Alistair Brown.

Worcestershire may find a place for David Leatherdale at Chester-le-Street after his career-best 5 for 10 against Australia. Durham have added scamers Steve Lugsden, 20, and Martin Saggers to their squad, with Simon Brown, Melvyn Betts and John Wood all injured.

Warwickshire, without Eng-land pair Nick Knight and Ashley Giles against Middlesex at Edgbaston, give a dehut to the all-rounder Mo Sheikh.

Lancashire have doubts over Wasim Akram and captain Mike Watkinson (both shoulder) against Northamptonshire. Tim

as opening bowler Mohammad Akram has a calf problem. Their 12th man is Mark Steele, son of former England batsman, David. Fast bowler Vasbert Drakes

Walton comes in for the visitors

(side strain) and opener Toby Peirce (hand) are doubts for Sussex against Kent at Horsham, but Keith Greenfield is fit after dislocating a finger and opens the innings. Kent's leg-spinner Paul Strang will play despite a broken finger, while Trevor Ward returns after injury and fast bowler Ben Phillips replaces Dean Headley.

Nottinghamshire are without Mohammad Zahid against Derbyshire at Trent Bridge. Zahid. yet to make his debut owing to a hack injury, broke down again yesterday. Derbyshire's Kim Barnett, who injured his knee last week, is likely to play. Hampshire's captain, John 📽

Stephenson, and fast bowler Cardigan Connor return at Cardiff against Glamorgan, who hope Hugh Morris's ankle improves. The 22-year-old Gary Butcher replaces Robert Croft. Martyn Moxon and Peter Hartley return for Yorkshire at

Taunton against Somerset, whose wicketkeeper Rob Turner has an eye mjury. Mike Burns steps in.

### Derby delight as Eranio signs

McCarthy delays naming Republic side

Football

ALAN NIXON

Jim Smith, the Derby manager, could hardly contain his delight vesterday after signing the Italian international Stefano Eranio from Milan on a free transfer. The 30-year-old wing-back, who can also operate on the right of midfield, becomes a free agent next month and was

signed on a three-year contract under the Bosman ruling. Eranio was wanted by Monaco and Porio, while Milan offered him another two-year deal. But Eranio made his mind up after a visit to Derby and Smith one of the biggest clubs in the said: "He liked what he saw, the new stadium and the potential.

Watford's David Connolly and

Mark Kennedy of Liverpoot

passed fitness tests vesterday

hut the Republic of Ireland

manager, Mick McCarthy, has

delayed naming his team for the

World Cup Group Eight qual-

ther against Liechtenstein in

Dublin until just before kick-off.

thigh in the warm-up for Pat

Bonner's testimonial match on

Sunday, believes he will he fit

for the game, as does Kennedy,

who is equally confident of his

own chances despite some dis-

Connolly, who strained a

signed one of the best wing-backs in Europe and it's very exciting

of Italians who have joined Premiership clubs in the last year and had a hlunt message for anyone who questions his commitment. Speaking through an interpreter, he insisted: "I was on Genoa's books for 15 years and then spent five years with Milan and it was me that wanted a three-year contract at Eranio would have heen val-

ued at about £4m under contract and Smith, added: "We have signed aworld class player from world on a free transfer, and you can't get better value than that."

I think it was the honesty of the club that sold it to him. We have £500,000 signing of the Birm-

ing: "I won't take any chances.

We will see if there is any reac-

tion. But if they are both OK it

will very difficult to make

changes apart from the enforced

ones after a good performance

feat to the group leaders in

Bucharest, but it was a vastly im-

proved display from the 3-2 de-

feat in Macedonia three weeks

earlier and they can climb to

second place in the table with

has prompted the Football As-

The upsurge of confidence

a three-goal win tonight.

However, McCarthy sounded sociation of Ireland to discuss

a note of caution yesterday, say- a two-year extension of Me-

The Irish suffered a 1-0 de-

against Romania last month."

Birmingham, has joined Peterborough. Meanwhile, the Birm-Eranio joins a growing hand ingham captain. Steve Bruce, has emerged as a leading con-tender for the managerial va-

cancy at Stoke. The Sunderland manager, Peter Reid, hopes to complete the £1m signing of a Dutch goalkeeper, Edwin Zoetebier, today. The Volendam player arrived on Wearside with his agent last night to finalise personal terms The former Dutch under-21

international, also being watched by Rangers, is keen to come to England and should get his wish after the clubs agreed a price. Signing Zoetebier, whose name means sweet beer in Dutch, will cheer up Reid after missing out on Blackburn's

Carthy's contract which is due

to expire in March. Blackburn's Jeff Kenna is set

to replace Manchester United's

injured full-back Denis Irwin, af-

ter substituting impressively for him for the second half in

Bucharest, Shay Given, Kenna's

team-mate who is set for a £2m

move to Newcastle in the sum-

mer, will win his ninth cap in

goal in place of the injured

Portsmouth's Alan McLough-

lin is available after suspension,

but is unlikely to regain a mid-

field place with the central trio

looking certain to be Ray

Houghton of Crystal Palace. for anything we get,"

Alan Kelly.

ingham midfielder Jonathan Shay Given, who is set to join Hunt. Steve Castle, freed by neighbours Newcastle. But the arrival of Zoctehier will mean the end for the popular French-man Lionel Perez. He will be allowed to go for a reasonable fee once the Dutchman signs.

Chris Waddle will not be part of Sunderland's attempt to regain their Premiership status next season. Reid has told the 36-year-old former England winger that his contract, which runs out at the end of June, will not be renewed.

Reid told Waddle, who joined Sunderland from Bradford in March in a £75,000 deal, that he had done a magnificent joh for the cluh during his brief stay. Waddle played seven games for Sunderland hut was unable to prevent them from being relegated to the First Division.

Townsend of Aston Villa.

The Irish beat Liechtenstein

5-0 in Eschen in August and

tonight's visitors are still with-

out a point in the group. However, McCarthy said:

They will take great delight in

trying to make things as difficult

as possible for us. They will come

with a deep desence and try to

quieten our crowd by frustrating

us for as long as possible - the

kind of thing we enjoyed doing

when we went away to suppos-

edly superior sides in Jack Charl-

ton's days as manager - and so

we can expect to have to work

#### **Drugs** are last straw for Paille

Stophane Paille's career looked to he over last night as Heart of Midlothian ended his contract after he was found guilty of taking a prohibited drug.

Paille became the first player caught in almost a decade of random testing by the Scottish Football Association. He took Dinintel, which contains amphetamine, before a Premier Division game against Kilmarnock last month, later claiming it was to counter a weight problem. But the SFA found the former French Footballer of the Year

guilty of taking a banned substance and imposed a fourmonth ban from 19 July. That ban is now likely to be made world-wide after Hearts said Paille, who was involved in a cannabis case earlier in his career, had been released by the club. The Scottish club signed him

on a free transfer this season and he was man of the match in the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final vic-10ry over Dundec. The Scottish Professional Foothallers' Association said Paille issue a statement through them today. Wrexham, Swansea and Cardiff compete against the

League of Wales champions, Barry Town, in the new FAW Invitation Cup next season. The eight-team fournament will carry £750,000 in prize money. Others taking part are the Merthyr Tydfil, Dr Martens Premier Division side, and the League of Wales clubs Bangor City, Conwy United and Newtown.

#### **Boavista striker is** set for Elland Road

Lecds United are to sign Jimmy Floyd Hasselhaink in a £2m deal later this week. George Grahum, the Leeds manager, has agreed a price for Boavista's prolific goal scorer and hopes to fly the striker in for talks today.

Like the Chelsea manager, Ruud Gullit, Hasselhaink comes from Surinam and he also started his career in the Netherlands.

Known simply as Jimmy to his supporters in Portugal, he is a cult figure with the unfashion-able club where he has made his name this season. The powerful forward is the second highest scorer in Portugal with 20 goals. just behind Porto's Jardel, but he is keen to come to Leeds to try his luck in England.

Hasselbaink's agent has discussed personal terms with Leeds and the transfer is expected to go through smoothly in the next two days. The signing is heing kept

under wraps, hut Leeds officials are confident they have one of the building blocks for the start of a massive rebuilding programme. Hasselhaink looks an bvious replacement for Brian Deane and with Ian Rush and Lee Sharpe also thought to he on the move, it will he all change at Elland Road.

Ray Harford, the West Bromwich Alhion manager, is prepared to commit around half of his £2m transfer kitty to an offer for the Preston winger Kevin Kilbane. Julian Darhy, rated at £200,000, has been offered to Preston as part of the deal.

ternational Alan McDonald has signed a two-year contract for Swindon after 17 years at

Queen's Park Rangers. The 33-year-old detender, who has 53 Northern Ireland caps and was captain of the national side for six years, has moved from Loftus Road on a free transfer. "I'm impressed with the

things Steve McMahon wants to do here at Swindon and I can't wait to start," McDonald said. "He has ambitions to get into the play-offs next season and I'd like to think I could play a part in that by using my experience to help hring on some of the younger players."

McMahon, the Swindon manager, said of his new signing: "He's a character and a leader of men and that's what we need at this moment in Gianluca Vialli, who came on

for only two minutes at the end of Chelsca's FA Cup final victory on Saturday, scored two goals yesterday in his side's 3-2 friendly win over Hong Kong's South China side.

Dennis Wise and Mark Hughes were missing from the side which turned out at Wemhley, but Vialli scored in the 37th and 40th minutes to demonstrate he is not a spent force.

His Italian team-mate Roberto Di Matteo, who scored the fastest Cup final goal this century in 43 seconds on Saturday, added a third just before half-time.

#### **Giants snap** up Brandon from Sharks

Basketball

RICHARD TAYLOR

Manchester Giants finally got their man yesterday, when they bought out the final two years of Jim Brandon's contract with their Budweiser League rivals. Sheffield Sharks, and lured the 38-year-old American coach across the Pennines.

Sheffield's general manager, Yuri Matischen, said: "We would have preferred Jim to stay, hut he's been on Giants'

hit list for 18 months." Whelton, the former Manchester United and Great Britain coach, has returned to the Continent after his unsuccessful season in Manchester to join Germany's SSV Hagen. Sheffield finished third in the league last season and climinated Manchester in the playoff quarter finals.

Matischen said: "It's a good move for Jim and for us. Giants have made a financial consideration in respect of the two years left on his contract. Maybe the time is right for the split. The team didn't come up to scratch last season and a new

coach can bring in changes." Sharks name a new coach today, whose first disappointment will probably he losing England international Roger

Huggins to a Continental club. Brandon played in Manchester in 1988 and still owns property in the city. "f have always considered Manchester home," he said yesterday.

## £9m Lottery largess lands in lap of chosen seven

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The money tree which is the National Lottery yesterday dropped a windfall worth nesrly £9m into the laps of seven ea-

ger and grateful sporting bodies. Germany and Spain. Athletics, rowing, hockey, swimming, netball, the Commonwealth Games Council for England and the British Paralympic Association all benefited from what will be the first of a series of multi-million pounds hand-outs.

rather than capital - projects. The initiative - which will provide sport with £40m a year for the next three years - will give British competitors parity with funding levels already existent in countries such as France,

"For the first time we are now able to support our sports men and women at tevels which go far beyond what any organisation has been able to do before," said Rodney Watker, chairman of the English Sports Council, which is awarding the funds as These are the first Lottery part of the World Class Permoney awards for revenue - formance programme.

subsistence), the Amateur Row-

went to the British Athletic Fed-

cration, which received £2.6m,

of which £1.17m will go direct-

ly to subsidising 195 individual

athletes' living and training costs.

The Amateur Swimming As-

sociation was the next biggest beneficiary, with £2m (£652,824 Association received £1,861,243 (£674,306), the English Hockey Association was given £1,657,234 (£580,698) and the All England Netball Association £102,459.

The British Paralympic As-

The largest of the one-year sociation received £135,480 over tions, has secured funding right ey to go with the expertise the next four years, and the Comthrough to 2004, with its total we've always had, we know we awards announced yesterday

monwealth Games Council for

British Athletic Federation

rising to £3.2m by 2000 in time for the Sydney Olympics. Nigel Hall, the director of England's award is provisional. The English Hockey Associcoaching for the All England ation, which will be formed on Women's Hockey Association, I June from the merger of the men's and women's associasaid: "Now we've got the mon-

**Amateur Rowing Association** English Hockey Association All England Netball Association British Paralympic Association £135,480 (over four years) Commonwealth Games Council

**Amateur Swimming Association** £1,861,243 £1,657,234 £102,459 provisional award

will be one of the top bockey playing nations in the world, both men and women.

"The men won gold in 1988 and women won bronze in 1992 but by the time we get to the 2004 Olympics I hope both sides will get to the final. We're not just wishing this time. We know we can do it. It's given us the op-portunity to realise our dreams."

Hall says the English Hock-Association will form an élite training group of 80 men and women and introduce paying for travel and competition.

David Tanner, the British rowing team manager, said the number of full-time coaches in the sport could now rise to six. Four years ago. we only had . one," he said. The award also meant that rowers would no longer have to fund themselves to travel for training and com-

petition, starting with the World Cup later this month. Malcolm Arnold, the British Athletic Federation's performance director, said he was "delighted" with the award, even though it was less than the initial proposal of around £4m.

Referring to the bad public-

ity athletics has had in the wake of internal dissension, Arnold said: "This is a signal that the sport has integrity and is moving in the right direction. For me, this is a victory for those who love the sport over those

who love themselves." The World Class Performance funding will he effec-

tively ring fenced within the sport, directed by a subsidiary of the BAF Eleven other sports have so far submitted applications to the programme, and the next

round of awards is expected in

## **Monty wins** in million dollar style

Golf

ANDY FARRELL reports from Denham

petite for capturing the higgest prizes in golf. Or, at least, the riehest if not the most historic.

Monty may not have won a major championship but his last victory was at the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City last December and, as winner of the European Qualifier for the Andersen Consulting World Championship, he will be after another \$1m first prize at the of his car boot and made his Finals in Arizona next January. Playing in sppropriste million dollar fashion, the Scot, who beat Jose Maria Olazabal on Monday, first beat Sam Tor-rance, last year's European winner, 6 and 4 and then heat Costantino Rocca 5 and 4.

Montgomerie has never won in America hnt will only to have win two more 18-hole matches to break his duck. The firstwill be against the winner of the International section, which is yet to be decided but last year produced the overall champion, Greg Norman. Victory would see him into the final against either Davis Love or Hajime Meshiai.

Even losing twice would guarantee him. a further \$100,000 on top of the \$200,000 he won yesterday. That would be unlikely on his form yesterday, when he was 14 under par get up and down at the par-

for the 28 hotes he played. Against Rocca he had seven hirdies, hut was also putting for hirdie on the other seven holes.

"I drove the hall so well that There is no doubting Colin I gave myself chances on every hote, "Montgomerie's insatiable aphote," Montgomerie said. "And hote." Montgomerie said. "And I set up so many opportunities that I could not have failed to hole some of them."

Montgomerie had been so disillusioned with his putting that he had his equipment company deliver three new putters to his home on Monday night. After practising on the living room carpet, he pieked out one, threw all the others out way to The Buckinghamshire club at six in the morning for an hour and a half's practice before breakfast.

"I have never worked so hard and I have never been st a course so early. There were only a few greenkeepers around," he said. "Twe never been in America for New Year and I'm looking forward to the PGA this week because Wentworth is a good driver's Rocca, wearing Tiger Woods' favoured red colours, won the

first with a birdie four after Montgomerie's second caught a bunker, but then the Scot took four of the next five holes. Rocca did not do much wrong, and produced an exquisite shot from the rough at the 13th to get back from five to four-



Costantino Rocca cannot disguise his disappointment at missing a putt at The Buckinghamshire yesterday

the morning, Montgomerie was off and running against his countryman when he holed from 30 feet at the fourth and down. But the Italian failed to 20 feet at the next. Torrance did not help himself by missing the

three 14th and that was that. In seventh green from the middle of the fairway, and then driving into the water in attempting to drive the green at the short parfour eighth. "I made it easy for him," Torrance said.

when he took three putts from long range, but then closed out the match with birdies at three of the next four holes. He then had a lengthy wait to see who Montgomerie's only dropped

shot of the day came the 10th, on Rocca after four holes and while the Italian immediately regained two of those holes, he had to wait until Clarke had a bogey at the 14th to draw lev-el. They halved the last four

Photograph: Peter Jay Darren Clarke was three up holes before Rocca won at the

> 19th hole. ANDERSEN CONSULTING WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP (18 holes matchplay, The Buckinghamshire, Denham); Semi-finals;

Cipollini sprints clear against Martina Hingis because

of a recurring knee mjury. Tim Wilkison won his first se-niors title via the extended tie-

## Widnes go West in search for survival

**Rugby League** DAVE HADFIELD

Graeme West, sacked by Wigan at the start of the season, has taken over as coach at their erstwhile great rivals, Widnes, who are bottom of the First Division.

The cluh's head coach, Bernard Long, and their football manager. Doug Laughton, have left "by mutual agreement" hut have clearly paid the price for a once-powerful side's dismal start to the campaign.

The team's lack of stability is illustrated by their use of 45 players so far this season and they have lost eight games in succession, culminating in a 44-6 home defeat by Hull on Sunday, after which Long was jeered from the pitch.

Long was appointed coach at the start of this season, while Laughton was in his third stint at the helm of a club he first eoaehed almost 20 years ago. "The board felt we needed

changes because of our poor start," the Widnes chairman, Tony Chambers, said.

"We rate Graeme very highby. His first priority is to win at Workington on Friday and then to keep us in the First Division."

West, who has signed a twoyear contract, was with Wigan for 14 years before being sacked in February after refusing to move upstairs and become foot-He has since turned down a

chance to coach Halifax, but has made it clear that he wanted to stay in England rather than return to his native New Zealand. The former Wigan player, Andy Platt, has replaced Steve

Blakeley as captain of Salford. The club's coach, Andy Gregory, said that a combination of the responsibility and the aftereffects of two groin operations had affected Blakeley's form. "The added responsibility of the captaincy has been playing on his mind and he should feel

more freedom playing under Andy Platt, who is our most experienced player," Gregory said.
Platt will lead the side for the first time 10morrow night against St Helens, who could be

without Andy Northey as well

as a string of injured players.

Joynt, but their coach, Shaun McRae, says that they will not be panicked into the transfer The Super League leaders. Bradford, could also be without a player for their forthcoming games, if Graeme Bradley is found guilty of a suspected

high tackle on Nigel Vagana.

Northey has been cited over an incident in last Friday's draw

with London, when he appear

pack yesterday to claim his third stage victory in four days to knee Martin Offish in the back. Saints will still be without of the Giro d'Italia race. The defending champion, Alan Hunte, Paul Newlove, Tommy Martyn and Chris Pavel Tonkov, retained the overall lead, preserving his onesecond lead over his fellow Russian, Evgeni Berzin.

Cipollini dominated a crowded sprint following a 156-kilometre (96.7-mile) ride from San Marino to Arezzo displaying the impressive power and speed which has earned him the nickname of "Super Mario."

Mario Cipollini outsprinted the

The 30-year-old edged out another Italian, Endrio Leoni, and Angel Edo Alsina, of Spain. Cipollini, of the Cipot to the first stages of the Giro at the weekend, lost the leader's pink jersey to Tonkov on Monday,

following an uphill individual time trial won by the Russian. The stage, through a hilly course crossing from the Marche to the Tuscan region, saw several spills in the final kilometres. The casualties included Colombia's Celio Rocancio, Italy's Gabriele Colombo and the Russian

Vladislav Bobrik, who suffered

bruises but completed the stage.

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Nathalie Tauciat, of France, has con-firmed her return to the DFS Classic

break which replaces a third set on the Nuveen Tour. He came back from match point down to beat Johan Kriek 4-6, 7-6, 13-11 in the final of the Corel Champions over-35 tournament in Washington DC. Scheduled to plsy only doubles, Wilkison, who won \$40,000 (£25,000), entered the singles draw when the defending champion. Andres Gomez, withdrew ill. He beat

Biorn Bory in the semi-finals, while Krick defeated Jimmy

#### 'Russian roulette' drug tests

Vicente Modahl has criticised the "sloppy and dangerous ways" in which he claims doping control stations are heing run. Modahl, husband and coach of the 800 metres runner Diane, reckons the current testing procedures are "Russian roulette for innocent athletes".

In a letter to Professor Arne Ljungqvist, chairman of the International Athletic Amateur Federation Doping Control Commission, he lists 10 ways in which testing regulations were not observed at a meeting held in Celie, Slovenia, on Sunday.

Modahi is sceptical about procedures after what happened to his wife. She was sent home from the Commonwealth Games in 1994 after it was revealed she had failed a drug test taken at a Lisbon meeting two months earli-er. She was handed a four year ban but was subsequently cleared by the British Athletic Federation and the IAAF.

Giorgio Reineri, the IAAF spokesman, said: "The IAAF is doing a lot of work and spendmg a lot of money on doping control but maybe testing in some countries is more difficult because there is less organisa-

#### No Seoul corruption evidence

Olympie ehiefs said yesterday they had found no evidence to support allegations of corruption in the boxing events at the 1988 Seoul Games. The International Olympic Committee said it had found no proof to support accusations that Roy allegations that some judges Jones, the American light-middleweight, was cheated ont of a gold medal by dishonest judges and would not be taking

any action in the case. Jones, who went on to become a professional world champion, was beaten in the 1988 final by Park Si-hun, a

South Korean, after an extraordinary decision. Most speclators and commentators had Jones way ahead of his opponent but the three judges from Morocco, Uruguay and Uganda, gave the decision to Park. Last year the IOC appoint-

ed a commission to investigate were bribed in favour of South Koreans and that some international boxing officials were aware of the cheating. But the IOC said: "The facts obtained by the working group have not added any new elements that would warrant reviewing the decision taken by the judges."

#### **Malaysians** omit their leading player

Rashid Sidek, the Commonwealth champion and world No l, is a surprise absentee from the World Championships in Glasgow after refusing 10 play for his country in the team

Sidek wanted to only take part in the men's singles next week. He was turned down and when he still refused to play for the team, the Malsysians omitted him from the tournament.

The absence of the player, who won the hronze medal st last year's Olympics and became world No 1 for the first time in February, will deny the tournament of one of the front-runners for the men's singles title.

However, the problem had long been predicted inside Malaysia, whose strict policy was laid down months ago. "We are trying to build up team spirit after a disappointing Thomas Cup last year," the team leader, Mohamed Al-Amin. said.

"We believe we have to treat all the players the same. Our council wants players to play in both team and individual events and anyone who wants to play for Malaysia must fol-

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Olympic Games The IOC Executive Board yesterday approved three new women's events for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, but will keep within the limit of a maximum of 10,000 approved atthetes allowed to compete. Women's skeet and trap shooting and a return of women's duet synchronised swimming was added to the schedule.

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#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

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firmed her return to the DFS Classic women's grass court tournament at the Edgoeston Priory Club in Barmingham from 9-15 June. Tauziat, who last year set 8 WTA four record by saving six successive match points against Tamarine Tanasugam, of Thalland, in the second found, went on to the final before losing 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, to the American Meredith McGrath.

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Speedway ELITE LEAGUE: King's Lynn v Bradford (7.45); Poole v Belle Vue (7.30). PREMIER LEAGUE: Long Eaton v Newcastle, (7.45).

Other sports TENNES: WTA World Doubles Cup (Edinburgh). RADININTON: World Team Championships

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TODAY'S NUMBER -

120,000

The number of tickets for the opening game of the 1998 World Cup in France applied for by Brazilian fans, despite the fact that the Stade de France

in Paris, venue for the first game, holds only 80,000. More than a million tickets have been sold for the first stage.

#### **Agassi** to miss **Paris**

Tennis

early June.

Andre Agassi has pulted out of the French Open because of a recurring injury to his right wrist, organisers said yesterday.

The runner up in 1990 and 1991 has played sparingly this year and cited the same injury which forced him to withdraw from the German Open in Hamhurg two weeks ago. The Paris event, the only Grand Slam to elude Agassi, starts on Monday.

Agassi's withdrawal may increase speculation about his future in the sport. Married last month to the actress Brooke Shields, the 27-year-old American has shown little commitment to playing a full-time schedule.

He has lost five of his last six matches on the ATP Tour, fallen to 28th in the rankings and would not have been seeded in Paris. He won his last Grand Slam title at the Australian Open in 1995. He also won the US Open in 1994 as well as Wimbledon in 1992.

Agassi's withdrawal comes a day after Boris Becker pulled out for the fourth time since 1992. Pete Sampras, the world No I, is also doubtful after having to retire with a thigh injury in a match at the World Team Cup in Düsseldorf on Monday.

Two other leading American players, Todd Martin and Mali-Vai Washington, have already pulled out with injuries.

Steffi Graf bounced hack from the worst defeat of her career with an easy 6-3, 6-2 victory over Patricia Hy-Boulais at the Strasbourg Open yesterday.Graf was beaten 6-0, 6-1 by Amanda Coetzer of South Africa in the Open in Berlin last week, having just returned to tournament play since withdrawing from the final in Tokyo in Fehruary

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## Internazionale pursue '£40m' Ronaldo deal

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Ronaldo: Reported to have

**GLENN MOORE** 

As Ronaldo, his extravagantly gifted Brazilian, was being linked to a £40m deal with Internazionale vesterday, Bobby Robson must have taken consolation from his own words earlier this season.

In reference to an attempt to buy Christian Karembeu from Sampdonia, the Barcelona manager said: "Transfers don't seem as simple as they used to be."

A few weeks after be said that, Ronaldo, still just 20, was linked with clubs from Manchester United and Arsenal to Lazio

Liverpool

pair are

warned

by Hoddle

Glenn Hoddle re-

vealed an iron fist in

terday, warning Liv-

erpool that they have

jeopardised Robbie

Fowler's chances of appearing in next year's World Cup finals

by withdrawing him from England's five summer interna-

his squad on Friday, Hoddle re-ceived a fax from the Liverpool

manager, Roy Evans, informing

him that Fowler and Steve

McManaman were being pulled

out on the grounds that both

needed surgery. The news, par-

ticularly its timing, left the Eng-

land manager "as disappointed

as I've been" since be succeed-

ed Terry Venables last autumn.

The pair will miss Saturday's friendly against South Africa at

Old Trafford, as well as England's

World Cup qualifier in Poland on 31 May and the ensuing four-na-tion tournament in France, Hod-

dle's attempt to persuade Evans to release them for the Polish trip

alone – an arrangement similar to the one with Arsenal over Tony

Adams - proved unsuccessful.

"The club have let me down,

purely in the sense that they

knew these five games were coming up." Hoddle said. While

apparently accepting that

McManaman's knee injury re-

quired urgent treatment, he

argued that the nasal operation

to cure Fowler's respiratory problem could and should bave

taken place as soon as his sea-

Hoddle pointed out that

son ended in suspension.

Within two hours of naming

gotiated his six-month-old contract upwards to £2.5m a year.

That is the context of yesterday's Italian newspaper reports of Ronaldo signing for inter. These were denied by Massimo Moratti, president of Inter, but he did admit negotiations were proceeding and he boped they would succeed. It then emerged that Parma were

also interested.

This could be newspaper talk

the speculative nature of the Italian press makes our tabloids look like Hansard - or it could be part of a scheme to increase Ronaldo's wages yet again. The tale could even have

The Bosman ruling was sup-posed to stop these spiralling fees, but instead it merely come from Moratti in an atmeans players sign ever-longer

eight-year deal.

tempt to increase his popular-, contracts ensuring their security, ity among the club's supporters. but not their loyalty. Since Spanish football is

closely followed in Brazil, and those elements at Barcelona he is already with the largest who are anxious to unseat Robson. Of course, it could also be clnb in the world, one wonders why Ronaldo would want to What it underlines is that leave. This season bas already post-Bosman, players have be-come the masters of the footbrought success in the European Cup-Winners' Cup and ball universe. Inter's reported Spanish Super Cup, with the Spanish Cup final to follow. offer consists of £3m a year for Ronaldo (£60,000 a week) un-Barcelona remain in contention for the Spanish title and - until 2005 and a new world-record fee of £20m-plus, which would like Inter - are almost certain includes buying out his current to be in next season's Champi-

> It could be money, but he is already massively rewarded. Ronaldo, whose life began in poverty in Rio de Janeiro, was by

all accounts a remarkably levelbeaded 19-year-old when Robson signed him for £13m from PSV Eindhoven in the summer. One wonders if he is still quite so sensible - Robson bas already had to discipline him once with extra training after he arrived back late from a trip to Brazil. It could be a rift with Rob-

son, but in that case it would be worth waiting to see whether he, or Louis van Gaal, will be in control next season. Of course the more often Ronaldo and similar players move, the more money their "advisers" make. They are the other beneficiaries of the modern transfer system which not so much a metry-goround as a gravy train.

Incidentally, in other reports. Fiorentina's Gabriel Batistuta was linked with Inter and Manchester United, Roberto Baggio was linked with Marseilles and United, Juninho was still linked with Atletico Madrid and United, Christian Vieri of Juventus was linked with Atletico, Paolo Maldini was again linked with Chelsea and Alessandro Del Piero was linked with a London

restaurant Despite the success of Gordon Ramsey, the former Rangers defender, at Aubergine, this presumably was meant to indicate that Del Piero was moving to a London football club, not that he was becoming a celebrity chef.

#### **Tourists**' plans ruined by rain

ION CULLEY

Australia will go into tomor-row's opening Texaco Trophy match with England needing to overcome a lack of match practice after yesterday's final warmup against Durbam failed even to begin because of a water-logged square at the county's Chester-le-Street headquarters.

Kevin Keegan opened the £2.6m second phase of the impressive Riverside development half an hour before the scheduled start but not even the most modern technical aids could deal with several hours of overnight rain that had created patches of mud on wicket ends close to the intended pitch.

The abandonment of the game - sponsored, by unfortunate co-incidence, by Northumbrian Water - was as a buge blow to the county and especially to their captain, the former Australian Test batsman, David Boon. A record crowd of 6,000 bad

been anticipated and contrac-tors bad worked until 2.30 in the morning to put the finishing touches to the new buildings.

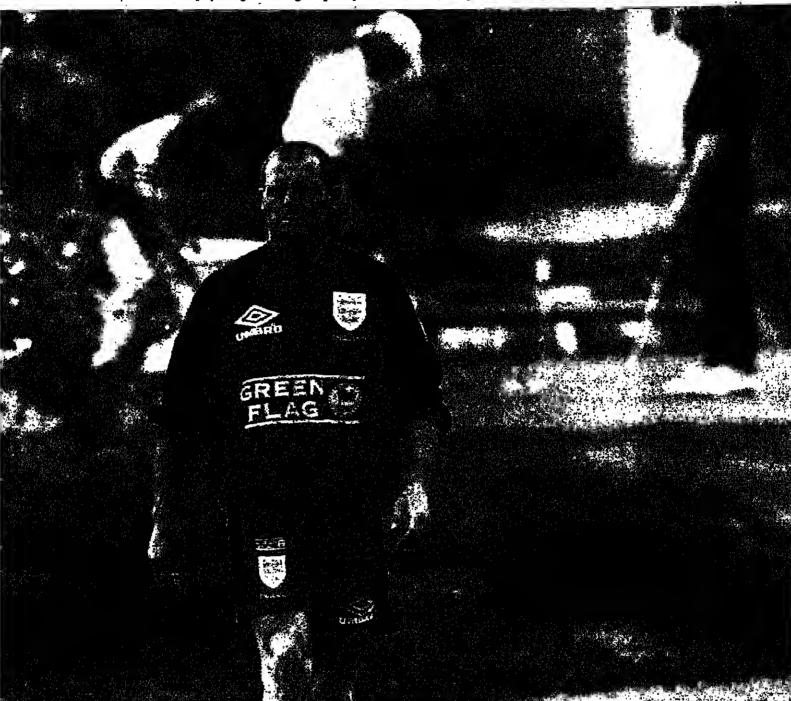
The extent to which it is a setback to the Australians, who arrived in England only last week, may become apparent tomotrow. Having lost time to the weather at Northampton last Saturday and then been dismissed cheaply at Worcester on Sunday, they are certainly less well-prepared than they would bave boped, although their coach. Geoff Marsh, admitted that the decision to sched-ule only a brief acclimatisation bad been a calculated risk.

"We had good weather in 1989 and 1993 but we knew the chances were that there would be rain this time," he said. However, we bad to give the players a break after South Africa. They have had three and a balf weeks off but they were very busy before that.

It is disappointing that we could not play bere but it is not the end of the world. Just about everyone bas bad some cricket and come Thursday we just. bave to do the business.

The one possible casualty is fast bowler Andrew Bicbel, who was due to test his recovery from a back injury that bas kept him out thus far. Australia must dede whether to gamble on his fitness or give the third seamer's place to Michael Kasprowicz.

Marsh said the team picked yesterday - comprising Taylor, the Waugh brothers. Bevan, Ponting. Slater, Healy, Warne, Bicbel, Gillespie and McGrath - was "very close" to the side likely to play at Headingley. Brothers with attitude, page 31



Paul Gascoigne on his way to England's training session at the Mottram Hall Hotel, Cheshire, yesterday

is out of the game for six months after rupturing his Achilles tendon in a match for Widzew Lodz. He misses the Poland-England return on 1 June. With the loss of the Anfield

Cole, originally a replacement for Les Ferdinand, now bad

"the opportunity Robbie might've had" if Liverpool had

He explained: "My main con-

cern from the players' point of

view is that they could miss the World Cup in 12 months' time.

Because as one door sbuts, an-

other swings open for other players. They come in and get the chance, and we've got time in the next three weeks to get to know people." Asked specif-

ically wbether the Liverpool

striker's absence might count

against him for the finals, Hod-

Marek Citko, Poland's scorer

against England in the World

Cup qualifier at Wembley and

a transfer target for Liverpool,

dle replied; "It could do."

rescheduled his operation.

of club-versus-country rearing its bead. Hoddle has been made acutely aware of the difficulties endured by Venables, Graham Taylor and Bobby Robson. He acknowledged that the dilemma would not go away, adding: "I sition, but the way it was done needs to be addressed.

Liverpool had failed to give him "a satisfactory answer" as to why Fowler was still awaiting surgery. "He could have had it done earlier and been ready for Poland," Hoddle said. "Tve seen players have that operation and they need three to four weeks."

have been unusually poor. Liverpool, who pay the players' salaries, were understandably protective. However, Hoddle was perbaps naïve to assume that since McManaman and Fowler were playing in the Pre-miership each week, they were

A Liverpool spokesman said last night: "We're waiting until Roy Evans returns to the coun-Communications do seem to try from holiday before replying."

For Cole, whose England from Newcastle and was now pedigree amounts to a 10minute cameo against Uruguay in 1995, the call-up was the second shock of a week that began automatically available,

with Eric Cantona's retirement. The £7m striker did not enter United's attack until late February because of illness and injury, and he bad been due to fly to New York today for a holiday.

The chigma's sudden departure from United had, he ad-Cole said he had improved players try to change Cantona's "100 per cent" since moving mind? "I haven't spoken to any

of them," Cole said, "but I should think they might contact Eric." Hoddle, who expects Cole's

pace to enhance England's counter-attacking options, said: "The more I find out about this job, the more I realise that club management is no apprenticeship for it."

Referring to Howard Wilkinmitted, stunned him. Would the son's recommendations for improving continuity in the England set-up, he said: "I'm a **MORSE** 

year-old coach."

bit younger than most and plan

to stay around longer. Maybe

they'll bave to look for a 12-

### Swimming considers revolutionary drug plan

more of a team man. Despite crit-

icism of his failures in front of

goal against Borussia Dortmund,

and "hurtful" comments about

his lack of rapport with Cantona,

he felt be was "a better player

than I'm given credit for

JAMES PARRACK

Revolutionary proposals in swimming's fight against drugs will be discussed at a conference of the sport's leading coaches in Birmingham today.

The ground-breaking scheme would do away completely with the current list of banned drugs but would give an independent medical panel the power to ban any swimmers whose blood samples showed evidence of what it considered performance-enhancing substances. The introduction of blood tests would help to expose some drug use which is currently undetectable in urinc.

The plan comes at a time of growing concern in swimming about drug use in the sport, and the mability of current testing procedures to catch the cheats. Particular concern has been ex-pressed about China's rapid rise though the world ranks. At the 1988 Olympics China won no gold medals. By the 1994 World Championships their women

wbich would have major bene-

fits in swimming) are detectable

The new proposals have come from John Leonard, a leading American coach and the executive director of the world Swimming Coaches' Association. Leonard said: "Swimmers would be rested for blood and urine. You look for any substances that don't belong there. A specialist panel of medical and legal experts, appointed by the world governing body, would decide whether this is a performance enhancer. If the answer is yes, then you will be banned"

Leonard is convinced that the present system of random, out of competition, urine-only testing is open to too much abuse and is not working. "It's a gigantic problem, and probably the ma-

in threat to elite swimming.

"The real problem is the dirty chemists. They change the molecules around so that the new steroid is not on the list of banned substances, but it is still a performance enhancer, So then it gets added to the banned list and the chemists just change it again. The list gets longer and the cheats get away with it. We need a whole new protocol."

A precedent has been set in

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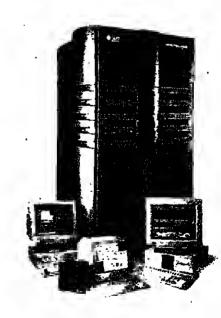
blood tests for eight years. The world governing body informed its member federations that in order to compete they had to agree to blood testing. With enough pressure from within the sport.

swimming could do the same.

The British swimmer Nick
Gillingham, who feels he was denied a bronze medal in the Atlanta Olympics because of apponents who used drugs, welcomed the proposals. "Everyone gives blood for lactate testing to monitor training so there should he no objections for giving blood for drug testing," be said. "If someone refuses, you

have to ask what the real reason behind it is. At the moment one could beat the system with the right money, the right lawyer and the right pharmacist." The American swimmer

Janet Evans - anniber who feels that "clean" swimmers are not being given a fair chance - was also in favour of the new scheme. Evans said: "This is a great idea. People look at the banned list and think, 'Wow these are drugs I should be taking', and get ideas from it. It's ruining the legitimacy of the sport. What's being done now isn't working. But you try to do something about it and nothing happens and everyone gets so frustrated. We definitely need skiing, which has been using blood testing."



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had won 12 out of 16 events. According to Dr Mike Turner of the British Olympic Association, only blood tests can hope to catch the drug users. Neither blood doping nor growth hormones (both of

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